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CHINESE ARMIES MASS FOR NEW ATTACK

Assault Against Hanoi Expected

Saigon, Dec. 26. The French authorities said today that increasing Communist activity North of Hanoi seemed to indicate the long-awaited attack on the Northern capital is about to start.

The French spokesman said, "Rebel forces have been massing in the northeastern corner of Indo-China since the end of their autumn offensive."

French troops were forced to abandon almost the whole of the frontier to the Reds during September and October.

The spokesman said the Communist-led Vietminh rebels attacked a French frontier post, one of a series guarding the important China Sea port of Mon-cay, on Christmas night but no details of the attack were immediately available. All civilians were evacuated from Mon-cay last week in preparation for the Communist drive.

The spokesman reported only patrol activity over Christmas elsewhere in Indo-China. French aeroplanes continued bombing and strafing sorties against Communist encampments and depots and naval forces are conducting a number of small operations against smugglers on the north-eastern coast.—United Press.

US Decoration For British Officers

Commonwealth Brigade Headquarters, Dec. 26. Two British officers were decorated today with the United States Silver Star for gallantry in the Korean war.

They were Brigadier B. A. Coad, Commander of the 27th British Commonwealth Brigade, and Major James E. Gillies, Company Commander of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. The decoration was equivalent to the British Military Cross.

The citation for Brigadier Coad said "His presence in forward areas and his cool disregard for personal hazards involved were an inspiration to members of his unit."

The Silver Star was awarded for the Brigade's spearhead role from Seoul to Pyongyang between October 10 and November 10 and for the attack launched north of the Red capital by Brigadier Coad to relieve 187th Airborne Division after their parachute descent on Suncheon and Sukhoun.

The decoration was awarded to Major Gillies for the Argylls' attack over the Nakdong River on September 23 when his company was subject to a misdirected air strike with napalm by United States planes while the Argylls were holding the crest of Hill 263. Despite this attack and the heavy Red artillery and mortar fire, Major Gillies steadied the survivors and led them back to positions on the hill.

The citation said "He repeatedly exposed himself to intense enemy fire and encouraged and directed his men." He was the last man to leave the hill.—United Press.

UN FORCES REGROUP

Tokyo, Dec. 27. Chinese invaders of South Korea massed armies and set up command posts in advance battle zones 20 odd miles above Seoul today to challenge the newly unified and reinforced Allied army of nearly 250,000 men.

Lieutenant General Matthew Ridgway flew into Korea and took over the field command of the late Lieut. General Walton Walker, Chief of the United States Eighth Army.

At the same time, 100,000 battle-ried veterans of the United States Tenth Corps shifted from the Hungnam beachhead to South Korea were put under Gen. Ridgway, wiping out the holly disputed split command.

The Communist and Allied outposts spotted along the 140-mile line across the narrow waist of Korea. Both sides were building up for what may be the biggest and most decisive battle of the Korean war.

The Chinese forces were officially located two miles south of the old Korean border and 28 miles north of Seoul, and North Korean patrols, as close as 24 miles northwest of Seoul, probed the Allied lines aggressively for the sixth straight day.

Police estimated that 50,000 Koreans left the South Korean capital on Christmas Day. President Syngman Rhee said the government had no intention of leaving and he was confident that the city was secured. But only a day earlier the National Assembly and some government offices decided to move to Pusan.

Correspondents with the United States Eighth Army reported no significant changes in positions up to Tuesday midnight, but said that both frontline and Headquarters officers were convinced that a Chinese assault backed by month-long buildup was coming.—United Press.

EPIC WITHDRAWAL

Tokyo, Dec. 26. The entire United Nations defence against the Red aggressors shifted south of the 38th Parallel on Christmas Day, completing the epic withdrawal of 105,000 troops from a tiny north-eastern beachhead surrounded by massed Chinese and Korean Communist armies.

Vowing to fight anew, the first of the American, South Korean and some British troops of the UN Tenth Corps already were in positions around Pusan and Pohang, in far southeast Korea.

Major-General Edward M. Almond, Tenth Corps Commander, in announcing the end of the operation, disclosed that "all elements are either at sea or in the Pusan-Pohang concentration area" near the southeast tip of Korea.

Pusan was the old beachhead perimeter which the US Eighth Army held against heavy odds last summer until their breakout to the north following the September 15 Tenth Corps landing at Inchon.

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Amazing Test Cricket



FREDDIE BROWN

AUSTRALIA OUT FOR 181 England Victory In Sight

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Melbourne, Dec. 26.

Hallelujah! England is on the very threshold of her first Test victory over Australia for 12 years, and mightily well earned it will be. There's many a slip yet in getting the 151 runs required for victory on this problematical six-day-old wicket on which wickets have been falling with some of the frequency and muth of the commotion of giant gum trees being felled by Aussie lumberjacks in Australia's vast "Outback."

But despite the breath-catching alarms of the last 54 minutes yesterday, in which alarmingly we lost the wickets of Washbrook and Bailey in 13 overs for only 28 runs, 60,486 people — to give the official attendance figures — went home last night firmly convinced that England have already morally won this match.

Irrespective of the result, the current performance of this "forlorn hope" team, coming on top of the competent and courageous Brisbane bid, has probably placed English cricket on a higher plane of respect and certainty of affection than any side since well before the war.

It was something to remember how the vast phalanx of 60,000 white-shirted spectators sweltering in the Australian Christmas-time sun in this most imposing of all modern cricket arenas rose to their feet honorably cheering the English bowling successes periodically in the exciting day of bemusing fluctuations in a style only equalled when a well-backed favourite at Flemington is coming down the straight, leading the field in the Melbourne Cup.

Before the Tests started I reported that thousands of Aussies genuinely wanted to see England win a Test match because they thought it would be good for cricket and because they thought it would infuse a much-needed interest in the series. There may have been a hint of patronage yesterday they showed it was sincere and it was good to see and hear.

BROWN THE HERO

Australians love a fighter in any field of sport and they have now taken this previously much underrated side to their hearts individually and collectively. But it is the jovial-faced, urbanely pipe-smoking Freddie Brown who is their supreme hero after his personal triumph in this game.

The outward serenity of this big bluff figure seems to keep what seemed an inadequate touring party from becoming a demoralised rabble earlier in the tour, while struggling to find his form himself, won the popular admiration.

But his dramatic side-scurrying exhibition of aggressive batting on Saturday following his astute captaincy made him the toast of Melbourne. His magnificent bowling yesterday, ideally completed the happiest chapter in his story book.

Never have I seen Brown bowl better. At a time when it was vitally necessary early in the afternoon to maintain pressure on the struggling Aussies and not give away any cheap runs, as Wright did in the first innings, Brown audaciously pitched the ball well up, never bowled a single loose ball and made his leg-turns come through faster than usual.

Wright was a good deal better than in the first innings and several times had Miller and others in trouble but was not proving effective enough when Brown took over his main spin bowler's job in masterly style.

He was aided in getting his fourth and most valuable wicket by an acrobatic slip catch by Trevor Bailey that was, as that great slip catcher Keith Miller himself said, "out of this world."

SUPERB FIELDING

That is where this transformed English side also continues to astonish. The fielding and catching, previously so shaming, continue to be superb. Hutton missed a difficult slip wicket by Archer, and Godfrey Evans of all people, missed a slip off Ian Johnson as the innings was ending, but Brian Coad took a dazzling leg-side catch that very next ball to make that miss needless, and Butler's diving left hand catch to get rid of Hassett broke the back of the Australian innings.

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The Test Scoreboard

Australia 1st Innings 104	
England 1st Innings 107	
AUSTRALIA 2ND INNINGS	
Morris bow Wright	11
Archer c Bailey b Boddie	45
Harvey run out	31
Miller b Bailey	19
Hassett c Bailey b Brown	19
Linton c Evans b Brown	7
Lindwall c Evans b Brown	2
Talbot bow Brown	0
Ian Johnson c Close b Boddie	23
Bill Johnston b Bailey	6
Iverson not out	1
Extras	15
Total	181

Fall of wickets: 43-1; 52-2; 100-3; 126-4; 131-5; 151-6; 151-7; 156-8 and 181-9.				
Bowling				
Bailey	15	5	47	2
Hedder	16.3	2	41	2
Wright	19.0	0	43	1
Brown	12	2	28	4
Close	1	0	8	0
ENGLAND—2ND INNINGS				
Simpson not out	10			
Washbrook b Iverson	8			
Bailey b Ian Johnson	6			
Hutton not out	1			
Extras	5			
Fall of wickets: 22-1 and 22-2.				
Bowling				
Lindwall	3	0	6	0
Miller	2	1	4	0
Ian Johnson	4	1	5	1
Iverson	4	1	5	1

STOP PRESS

TEST MATCH RESULT

Australia won the second Test match at Melbourne today by 28 runs. England were dismissed in their second innings for 150 just after the tea interval.

TEST LUNCH SCORE

The lunch-time score in the second Test match was England 84 for 4 wickets. England now require 68 runs to win with six wickets in hand.

Hutton was 35 not out. The wickets lost this morning were those of Simpson, bowled by Lindwall for 21 and Dewes, caught Harvey, bowled Iverson for five. Parkhouse at lunch was not out 0.

Robbers Take \$100,000

Robbers broke into the Fur East Trading Co. Ltd. office at Pedder Building between the early hours of Boxing Day and stole \$100,000 in cash. The robbery was discovered yesterday morning and the police are investigating.

PI TO STOP RE-EXPORTS

Manila, Dec. 26. Senator Macario Peralta Jr., Liberal, drafted a Bill which would prohibit the re-exportation of goods imported here from the United States.

Senator Peralta said that unless such a measure was passed, the Philippines would find itself buying goods with dollars for countries which do not have the dollars.—Associated Press.

Chinese Burn Spore Taxis

Singapore, Dec. 26. Chinese, described by the Government as Communist terrorists, burned three taxis on Christmas Eve. They have burned five cabs and two buses of a British company and one bus owned by a non-Communist Chinese firm in a wave of arson in the past few days, the announcement added.—Associated Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

A Message For The World

THOSE who either listened-in and heard, or those, who in this paper, will read the King's Christmas address to the world, will not fail to understand the solemnity of his message. Behind it rings the homely greeting of "A Happy Christmas" yet its theme was a warning that from certain parts of the earth neither peace nor goodwill toward men could be expected. His Majesty spoke, in measured terms as well as in simple, lovable and understandable language. To the ordinary people his message drove home more forcibly the present world situation than anything international politicians or statesmen might say. He told the people quite squarely what they are up against—not only a world divided, but a world assailed by forces and influences—which cynically disregard the primary meaning of Christmas and its noble sentiments. If only the people behind the Iron Curtain could have heard it! If only the Kremlin and Peking would take due note of it! Is that asking too much? Yet it is an uplifting thought that the free people of the world have been able to hear, read and understand the King's message. And while it was solemn, acknowledging all the implications of the present moment, it sacrificed nothing in hopefulness. The solution to the problem is more humane, a more Christian approach to the needs of the day, a greater understanding of our varied problems. The Western world today is not believed when it asserts its desire to adopt just those precepts. Nevertheless the spirit, as well as the thought is there, and the

gesture invites those who are most sceptical of our principles and intentions to accept it on face value; to "give us a go" as the Australians express it, and to try and let us prove to them, as well as to ourselves, that we mean what we say. Two reciprocal actions are open to those who regard us with such distrust: One concerns Communist China—the other Communist Russia. The former can demonstrate its goodwill and its willingness to help bring peace on earth to men of that faith by immediately calling a halt to the hostilities in Korea; of agreeing to a ceasefire and then helping to work out a settlement of the Korean problem. The West still waits for that gesture which will prove beyond doubt the genuine goodwill of the Chinese Communists. When that is made there will be immediate reaction to it—a reaction of quiet satisfaction and happiness in the knowledge that our Chinese friends have not lost their faculty for appreciating that the peace of the world, in its most honourable form, is still as dear to them as it is to us. And the Kremlin, on its part, can make an equally important contribution to peace by agreeing to join the Western Powers in discussions which will take into account fundamental causes as well as fundamental solutions. Nothing could brighten the prospects of the coming New Year more than that Communist China and Communist Russia give a sign that both are willing, not only to talk peace, but to act it. The Western World waits ready to meet them at least half way.

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Big Holiday Death Toll

Chicago, Dec. 26.

The United States counted a staggering death toll of 664 today from violent accidents over the three-day Christmas holiday.

Traffic fatalities soared to above 500, the highest since the all-time record of 555 in 1936. Mishaps on the highways killed 513 persons. That was more than 100 above the 1949 Christmas holiday toll.

Accidents from fires, drownings and falls took an additional 149 lives. The grim total, one of the largest for any three-day holiday period, covered the 78 hours from 6 p.m. Friday to last midnight.

The Council figures show 26,920 traffic deaths in the first ten months this year, equivalent to 92 a day for the 304 days.

California has 40 traffic deaths from other causes of Christmas holiday accidental deaths. There were more than 1,000 auto mishaps in Los Angeles alone, with a death toll of 11 and 800 injured. Police arrested 262 drunken drivers.

There were tragedies from other accidents. Six elderly men perished on Monday night in a fire in a four-story hotel near the downtown district of Buffalo, New York.

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THE KING'S BROADCAST

A Motto For The Empire

London, Dec. 25.
King George said in a
world-wide broadcast today
that mankind must make
the most momentous choice
of its history and decide be-
tween the creeds of love and
hated.

"For," he said, if our world is
to survive in any sense that
makes survival worth while, it
must learn to live, not to hate;
to create, not to destroy."
The King was delivering his
13th Christmas message in a
broadcast from his study at
Sandringham, his Norfolk
estate. There, as is usual, he is
spending Christmas, surrounded
by members of his family.

In his speech, he referred to
the "grim shadow of war",
hanging over the world, making
it hard to feel the happiness
and merriment natural to
Christmas.

These troubled times he said,
often reminded him of Bunyan's
"Pilgrim's Progress", for, like
the pilgrim "we have gone for-
ward, only to fall back. Like
him, we have fallen back only
to press forward once more."

"We have passed through the
valley of the shadow of death;
but always, with the deter-
mination natural to our race
and training, we have kept our
eyes fixed on the far off delect-
able mountains of peace and
goodwill."

The King said it was not sur-
prising that the individual pil-
grim—"the everyman of the
great book"—should feel al-
most overwhelmed by his own
insignificance and bewildered
by continual blows of fate.

But he counselled his lis-
teners not to take "Faintheart"
as their friend and guide, but
to adopt as their motto "what-
ever comes or does not come, I
will not be afraid."—Reuter

REUNION BROADCAST
London, Dec. 25.
The peoples of many nation-
alities celebrating Christmas
joined together in a world-
wide reunion broadcast on the
BBC before the King delivered
his Christmas message.

From Europe came the voices
of displaced children in Ba-
varia while athletes gathered
in Christ Church, New Zealand,
sent a message. An immigrant
family, spending their first
Christmas in Australia, also
broadcast.

Troops overseas sent Christ-
mas messages from Britain
where the microphone visited
several homes and a Welsh
steel foundry which was still
in operation during Christmas.
A Marine Commando Ser-
geant, on active service in Ma-
laya, spoke immediately before
the King.

The 23-year-old Sergeant,
Dennis Bulpett, was given
special leave in Singapore to
make the broadcast.
His 20-year-old wife, who has
not been able to spend a
Christmas with her husband
since their marriage in 1947,
listened to the broadcast with
her two children, Michael,
nearly two years old, and Linda
Joyce, six weeks.—Reuter.



Anti-aircraft Chiefs from European countries of the North Atlantic Treaty
Organisation meet in London to discuss various problems of air defence, including
AA. They are building up an integrated system based on the experience gained
by Great Britain during the last war. At the head of the table is the British
Director, Royal Artillery, Major-General S. B. Rawlins, chairman of the conference.

America Will Fulfil Her European Aid Commitment

Washington, Dec. 25.

Political leaders forecast a turbulent debate on European aid dur-
ing the next session of Congress but, largely agreed that Administration
requests would be supported when the talk dies down.

One high-ranking Administration leader in the Senate predicted,
"There will be plenty of grumbling but we will fulfil our commitments."

Tommies Dead In Taegu Fire

With the British troops
in Korea, Dec. 24.
Two British soldiers were
burned to death and six
injured when a wooden
building of a British rein-
forcement unit at Taegu
caught fire early this morn-
ing.

The names of the dead
and injured were being
withheld until the next of
kin have been notified.

The building was ablaze
from end to end within
five minutes of the out-
break and completely des-
troyed in 75 minutes. The
injured are in hospital but
none is seriously hurt,
British Army Headquarters
said.—Reuter.

This leader declined publica-
tion of his name but it was his
feeling "we are all agreed on
the fact that something has got
to be done, although there will
be a lot of noise about how we
ought to do it."

His sentiments were echoed
by Senator William Fulbright
(Democrat), a member of the
Senate Foreign Relations Com-
mittee, who said in an inter-
view: "Everybody will have
his own idea on how to run this
war, but when all the talk dies
down we will have a programme
that closely approximates what
the military wants."

Senator Fulbright thought it
would be national suicide
to withdraw from Europe and the
Far East and added, "I have to
assume we won't do such a
foolish thing."

There was increasing talk
about lack of willingness to
resist in Europe, but it was a
mere question whether this was
fact or a figment of someone's
imagination.

TWO-WAY STREET
"It's a two-way street," he
explained. "Obviously Europe is
going to lack the will to resist
if she feels we are going to
desert her. Equally obviously
we are going to desert her if
she lacks the will to fight. We
must realise and understand
this analogy and, above all, we
must stick together instead of
going to pieces as we face this
real test."

Senator Leverett Saltonstall
(Republican) believed there
would be an increasing will to
resist evident in Europe with
the crystallisation of defence
plans and the appointment of
General Eisenhower to head the
programme. Senator Salton-
stall believed much of the talk
was the outgrowth of prevalent
uncertainties and fear over the
increasing gravity of the world
picture, rather than based on
any actual signs that Europe
was ready to give up.

WILL TO RESIST
Senator Alexander Wiley
(Republican), a high-ranking
minority member of the Senate
Foreign Relations Committee,
said it was his opinion that "we
will perform our functions
under the Atlantic Pact". He
could not speak for congress
but he personally believed the
Administration's requests would
be approved if it is the judg-
ment of military leaders that
such aid is necessary.

As far as feeling in Europe
was concerned, Senator Wiley
said, the Secretary of State's
opinion was that there is a
strong will to resist Communist
aggression in Europe.
The military aid programme
was expected by observers to
be the primary international
issue requiring action by the
next Congress.—United Press.

Pignon On Situation In Vietnam

Paris, Dec. 25.
M. Leon Pignon, former
French High Commissioner in
Indo-China, arrived at Orly
Airport from Saigon today.

General Jean de Lattre de
Tassigny recently succeeded
him as High Commissioner.
M. Pignon said that on his
way home he had a long talk
in Singapore with the British
Commissioner - General for
South-East Asia, Mr Malcolm
MacDonald, and an interview
lasting more than one hour in
Delhi with the Indian Prime
Minister, Pandit Nehru.

"I gave Mr. Nehru at his re-
quest as concise and objective a
survey as possible of the situa-
tion in Indo-China," he said.
"The three associated States
(Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos)
now enjoy an independence the
reality and sincerity of which
cannot be contested," M. Pignon
added.

"The political ground is well
cleared and our action in this
field would have given results
in all spheres, including the
military field, if Communism
had not made a determined
effort in favour of the Vietnam
Communist insurgents."

He continued: "Several times
we hoped to establish in Viet-
nam a situation sufficiently solid
to discourage, with the aid of
diplomacy, a possible Chinese
intervention."

"It cannot be concealed that
our opponents have been faster
and more determined than the
Western Powers. If the military
situation in Tonkin is now pre-
carious and heavy with threats
we are at least in order with
regard to the three associated
States and international
opinion."—Reuter.

**Crash Survivors
Reach Safety**
Penticton, British Columbia,
Dec. 25.
All 16 survivors of the Cana-
dian Pacific airline crash in the
Rocky Mountains last Friday
reached safety last night after
trudging down the snow-covered
mountainside.
All were uninjured. The
pilot, Captain Quinton Moore,
of Vancouver, and his co-pilot
died in the crash.
A ground rescue team had
trudged through snow, slush
and rain to the wreck.—Reuter.

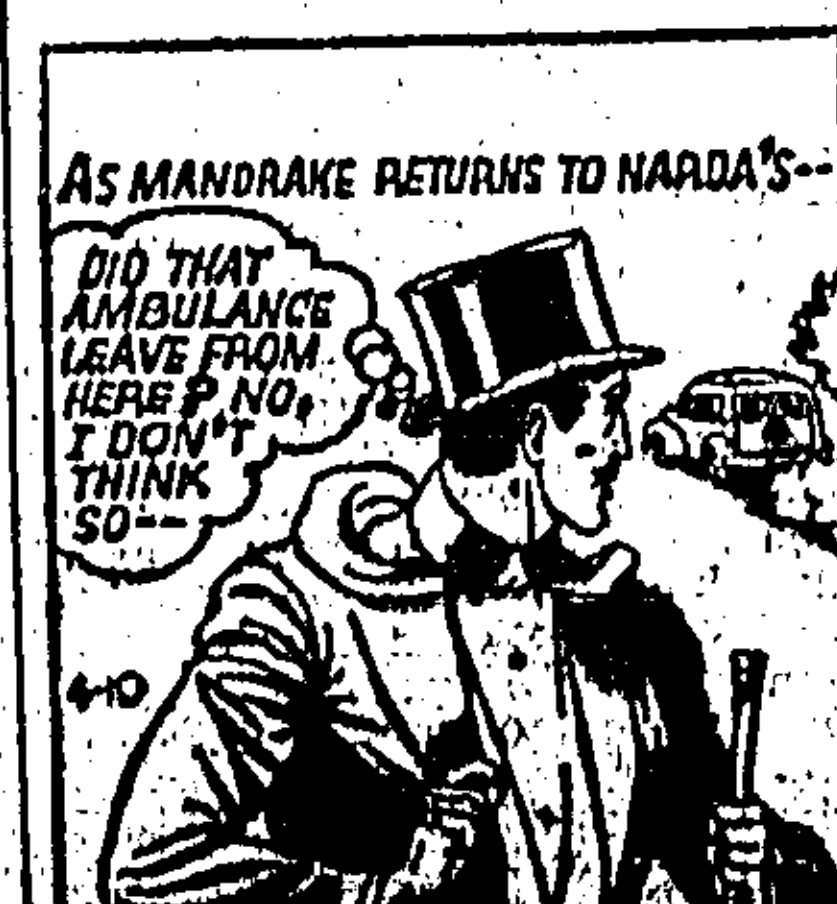
Two Dead In Ship Fire

London, Dec. 25.
The skipper and chief en-
gineer of the 582-ton Swedish
vessel Ronnaker (Stockholm)
died after a fire broke out
aboard the ship today in the
River Thames.

The skipper, found uncon-
scious from heat and smoke in
his cabin, died before reaching
hospital.
The chief engineer was found
dead in his cabin.
Ambulances stood by while
firemen fought the blaze which
they brought under control in
45 minutes.
The fire gutted the super-
structure of the vessel.—Reuter.

CHIFLEY BETTER
Sydney, Dec. 25.
The former Prime Minister,
Mr Joseph Chifley, now the
leader of Australia's Federal
Parliamentary Labour Party,
returned to his home on Satur-
day from Balhurst Hospital, it
was announced today.
He had been in hospital with
a heart complaint since Nov.
27.—Reuter.

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US Questions Progress In A-Bomb Stockpiling

Washington, Dec. 25.
Some members of the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee wonder whether the United States is building up an atom bomb stockpile fast enough in view of the current world tension, it was disclosed today.

An informed Committee source said these members agree that the new expansion programme recently announced by the Atomic Energy Commission goes 85 or 90 percent of the way toward meeting previous Congressional criticisms of the atomic programme.

However, he said, they still wondered if the Commission had gone as far and fast as it should have to offset the threat of new Communist aggression.

"The Atomic Energy Commission is doing a splendid job and the expansion programme is gratifying," said this source, "but there is still some question as to whether the programme is truly all-out in view of the tense international situation."

Some Committee members are known to believe their country was partly responsible for the current expansion of atomic production facilities. They have let it be known they plan to continue such tactics in hopes of achieving an even greater speed-up.

The Atomic Energy Commission, on the other hand, maintains that it has gone ahead as fast as possible. The chairman, Mr. Gordon Dean, told Congress only a few weeks ago that expansion of the programme would be limited only by available supplies of material. This source questioned, however, whether the Commission was setting its sights too high. For example, he said, no one has yet collected the \$10,000 bonus offered by the AEC to anyone who turns up domestic deposits of uranium ore, despite widespread prospecting.

RUSSIAN POLICY
"Could it be," he asked, "that we are setting our standards too high when we discuss the grade of ore we should use? Could it be that we should lower the standards of ore that must be produced for payment of the bonus and work whatever low-grade deposits are found?"
In contrast to the American policy he continued, Russia was bending over backwards to mine very low-grade deposits in Eastern Europe. He added, however, that the Russians were using slave labour and every facility at their command. Other questions disturbing legislators include:

1. Could production of fissionable materials be increased if the nation's atomic plants go on a six-day week? They now work five days.
2. Would it not be better to expand current productive capacities instead of building two new atomic plants, in view of the delay before the new plants can get into production. (Atomic expansion involves such matters as water supply and electric power. These are not always available in sufficient quantity to permit expansion of present facilities).

NOT URGENT ENOUGH?
3. Is the present programme being rushed with the urgency that marked production of the first atom bomb by the Manhattan project in World War II?

4. Has the Commission impressed the nation's top-ranking scientists with the urgency of the present world situation. In an effort to persuade them to go to work for the Government?

5. Is the Commission developing with sufficient speed certain important new possibilities for atomic energy which have been opened in recent months?

"These are not questions that call for investigation and there may be simple answers to all of them," he said, "but in view of the present world situation we press all of them and continue to press them, no matter how annoying we may be." — United Press.

British Ship Salvaged

The Hague, Dec. 25.
Tugs and salvage vessels last night towed into Flushing the 7,085-ton British steamer *Martagon* which struck a submerged wreck 20 miles off Ostend on Saturday.
The salvage craft succeeded in shifting the vessel from the sandbank near Blankenberge, Belgium, where she was grounded after the collision. There was 25 feet high of water in one of the holds of the ship. A Belgian tug landed 12 of the *Martagon's* crew at Ostend on Saturday. Discharging the vessel's coal cargo will begin tonight. — Reuters.



CSM R. Galloway, one of the oldest serving members of the Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) takes his first look at England after landing at Southampton with the 1st Battalion of the Buffs just back from Khartoum. He joined the Army in 1920 and the Buffs in 1928. He has served in Dunkirk, Germany, Africa, Burma, Iran, Syria and Hongkong.

Close Contest In Race For "Oscars"

Hollywood, Dec. 25.
For the first time in several seasons, there are no "sure things" in the annual race for Hollywood's most coveted metal pieces — the Academy Award Oscars.

With all but a couple of entries now before the public, "Sunset Boulevard" and "All About Eve" are running neck and neck in the Best Picture division, with "Born Yesterday" closing fast.

In the same relative positions are the leading ladies of the three films, competing for feminine acting honours. They are Gloria Swanson, crazed silent screen siren of "Boulevard," Bette Davis, the neurotic, uninhibited stage actress in "Eve," and Judy Holliday, the decorative blonde of "Born Yesterday."
Only in the best actor classification is there a favourite: Jose Ferrer. His role as the sword-swinging, poetry-spouting lover in "Cyrano de Bergerac" is the season's swankiest, showiest.
Ferrer's closest competition should come from William Holden, who played a kept man in "Boulevard," and Louis Calhern, who gives a distinguished performance as Oliver Wendell Holmes in "The Magnificent Yankee."

These are the leaders at the moment. By nomination time in mid-February or awards night in mid-March, sentiment may have changed. Some of the following merit consideration:

PICTURES
"Harvey," a comedy featuring James Stewart and an invisible rabbit; "The Glass Menagerie," a tale of stum and frustration; "The Asphalt Jungle," the year's most suspenseful crime film; "Cyrano," and "Yankee."
Actresses: Eleanor Parker, "Caged"; Anna Baxter, "Eve"; Jane Wyman and Gertrude Lawrence, "Menagerie." And if you really like dark horses: Margaret Sullivan, "No Sad Songs"; and Betty Hutton, "Anna Get Your Gun."

Actors: Sterling Hayden, "The Jungle"; Marlon Brando, "The Men"; Spencer Tracy, "Father of the Bride"; James Stewart, "Harvey"; and Gregory Peck, "The Gunfighter."
There appear to be no outstanding foreign candidates this year.

Among supporting players the following have received favourable mention: Edmund Gwenn, "Mr. 880"; George Sanders, "Eve"; Arthur Kennedy, "Menagerie"; Sam Jaffe, "Treasure Island"; and Josephine Hull, "Harvey." — Associated Press.

Chennault Word Of Warning

Manila, Dec. 25.
General Claire Chennault, World War II Flying Tiger commander, said the Philippines is in immediate danger of being engulfed by Communists in their programme of expansion in southeast Asia.
Chennault told newsmen during a stop-over here en route to Formosa, where he is head of the Civil Air Transport Line, that he is sure the Philippines is included in the Red timetable of invasion.
He said a friendly Formosa would prove a frontier for the country against invasion. — Associated Press.

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ON THE TOWN

U.S. AIR FORCE HAVE BIG, SECRET PROGRAMME FOR THE SUPERFORT CREWS

150,000 men training to use atom bomb

From FREDERICK COOK: New York.

MANY hundreds of men in the United States air force now know how to prime and handle an atom bomb. It is disclosed in Washington for the first time that a secret training programme has long been under way and is now gathering momentum.

Those trained already include members of the Strategic Air Command, who are continually flying Superfort bomber missions simulating those they would undertake if war should come.

These crews, it is strongly indicated, now have a pretty accurate idea of what their actual targets would be in real war.

Air force officers in Washington reveal that about 150,000 men (nearly a third of the total air force strength) are involved in varying degrees in the atom bomb training programme.

Soldiers and sailors are receiving very similar training, but in smaller numbers.

Eventually, a knowledge of how to prepare, handle and drop an atom bomb will be part of every Service man's military education.

MORE IN THE KNOW

These developments were brought to light after Mr. Gordon Dean, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, had stated in a Washington interview that since the Government now had "a large force" being trained in the use of the atom bomb it was inevitable that the circle of people having access to atomic information had to be widened.

Nevertheless, said Mr. Dean, it still remained true that only a very few knew how to make an atom bomb.

A high-ranking officer, commenting on Mr. Dean's statement, said frankly: "It is the Air Force's objective to train everyone, at different levels, to use this weapon."

Specialists are being trained in "priming" the bomb—which apparently means installing its firing mechanism—and in handling it before and after priming.

18-MONTH COURSE

Such men must undergo 18 months of rigorous training after their general education is completed. There are already "hundreds" in this classification.

Just how many hundreds is still a military secret.

Trained in much more detail are 10 nuclear physicists, all of whom hold doctorates and are Air Force officers.

These men, the elite of the programme, are working at Los Alamos, New Mexico, where the first atom bomb was exploded experimentally.

Eighty-five officers are attending schools where some will take

doctorates and the rest Master of Science degrees.

Sixty more officers will be enrolled in such schools shortly. Many hundreds of other ranks are being given advanced courses in electronics and in mathematics up to calculus.

Among the officers it is revealed 75 percent of the Air Force generals and almost all the staff officers at headquarters in Washington, have now undergone special courses.

Fourteen hundred officers have been given advanced instruction at a special school in the New England mountains.

FEW KNOW SECRET

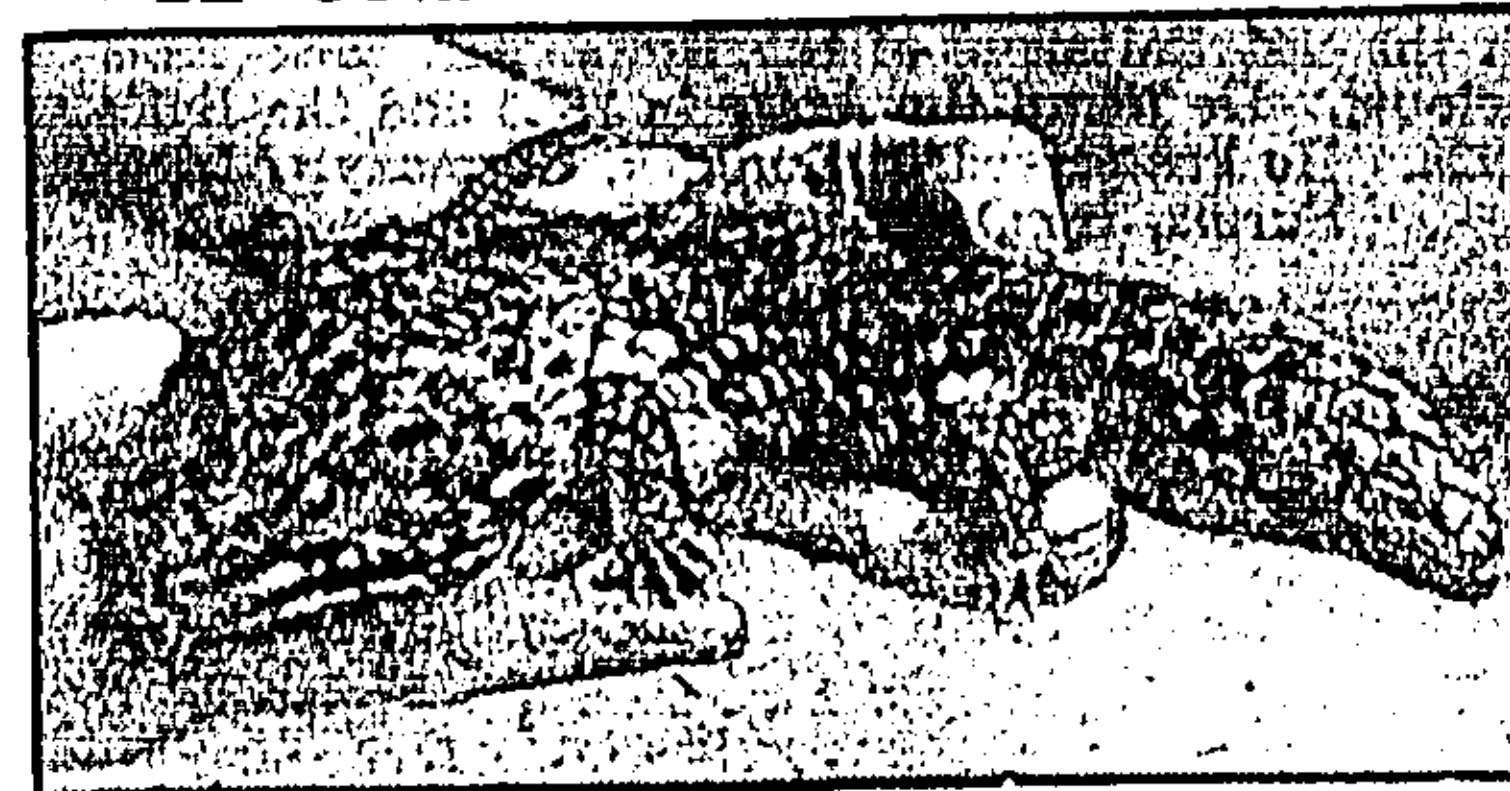
Little highly technical information is being imparted to officers who might be taken prisoner.

Their training is confined to how and where to use an atomic bomb and its effect when dropped.

They know virtually nothing of manufacturing processes. Secrets of manufacture are still confined to the handful working behind the wire in the New Mexico desert.

(London Express Service.)

IT ONLY LOOKS A FREAK



THE SKINK

Two "heads" joined in the middle. NEWCOMER at the London Zoo reptile house which is likely to get visitors guessing is an Australian stump-tailed skink, writes Craven Hill.

This lizard, about 12in. long,

appears to be a freak composed of the head parts of two separate lizards joined at their waists. The illusion is caused by the thick, stumpy tail and the curiously twisted hind-legs, which mimic the genuine head and forelimbs.

Mystery Worker For Peace

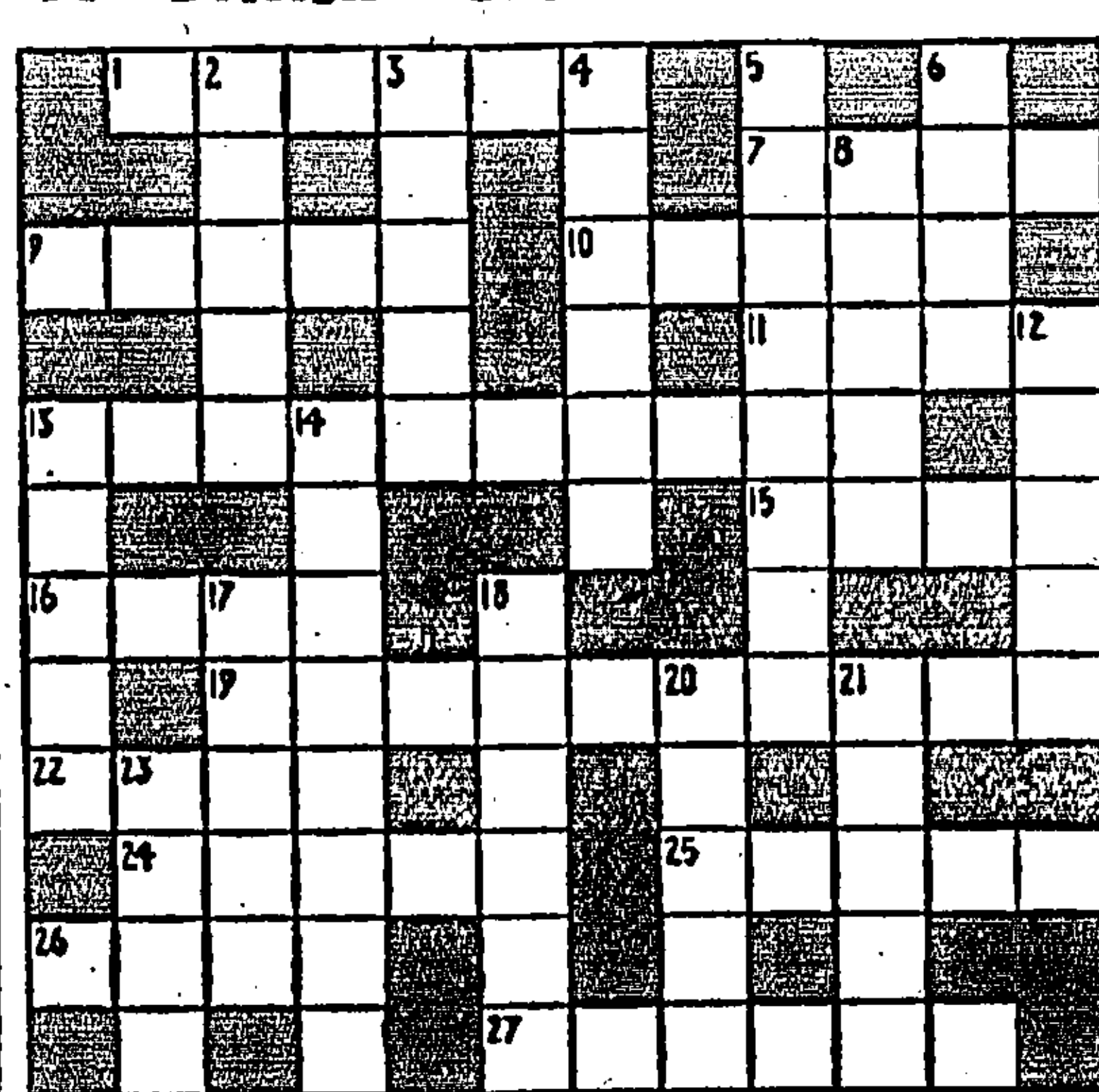
Washington, Dec. 25. A "certain individual" behind the "Iron Curtain" was struggling to lessen the tension between East and West, said an Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Edward Barrett, in a television interview.

Mr. Barrett, chief of the Voice of America programmes, was asked whether he knew of

anyone among the Soviet or satellite countries who was asking for peace.

There was an individual who could not be named for obvious reasons striving in that direction, replied Mr. Barrett. This person had visited the United States and other democratic nations and "liked what he saw."—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Disturbance.
- 7 Taken by witnesses.
- 9 Niggard.
- 10 Blue.
- 11 Expression of opinion.
- 12 Returns like for like.
- 13 Intelligence.
- 14 Prejudice.
- 15 Reduct.
- 16 Eye.
- 17 Common.
- 18 Speck of dust.
- 23 Dug.

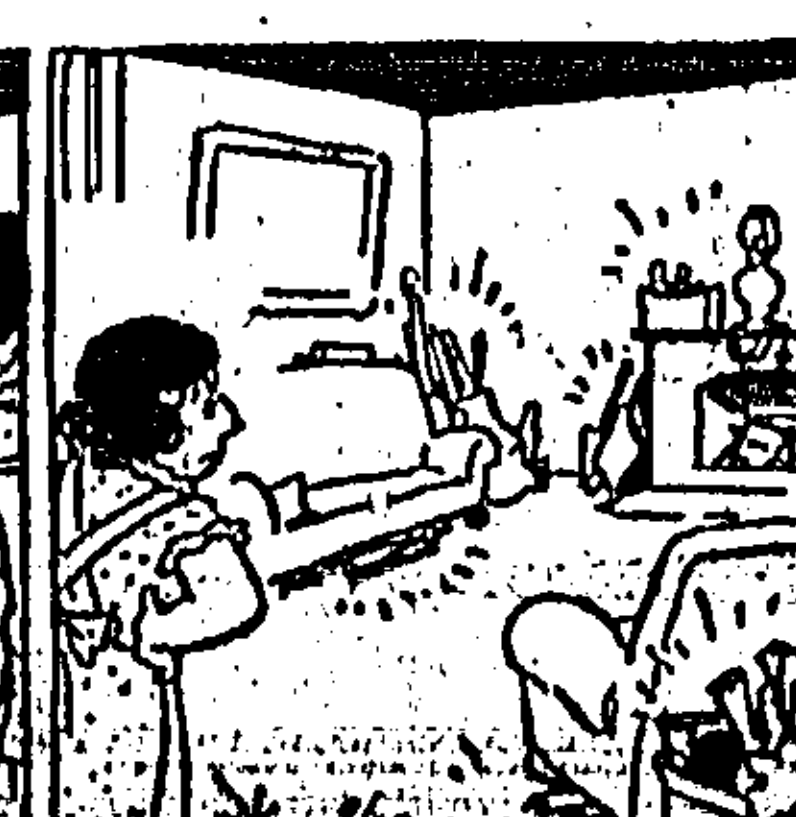
DOWN

- 2 Overthrow.
- 3 Danger.
- 4 Sailor.
- 5 Momento.
- 6 "Let it stand".
- 8 Occurred.
- 9 Follow.
- 13 Garments.
- 14 Alleged.
- 15 Modified to suit.
- 16 Cut fine.
- 20 Peer.
- 21 Vituperation.
- 23 Common fund.

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Tragic, 4 Lorry, 7 Nation, 8 Lens, 10 Anna, 12 Serious, 15 Issue, 16 Even, 17 Less, 19 Prono, 20 Exhales, 21 Trot, 23 Gully, 24 Attack, 25 Needy, 26 Frigid, Down: 1 Tentacle, 2 Astonish, 3 Idol, 5 Obedient, 6 Rescue, 9 Veers, 11 Assaulted, 12 Super, 13 Overhang, 14 Snatched, 18 Exhume, 22 Stir.

FERD'NAND

Game Try



BBC search for typical London family ends in an office



Here are the Ing family—19-year-old Marion, 21-year-old Geoffrey, and three-and-a-half-year-old Carolyn, with their mother and father.

The Ings (of many hobbies) will broadcast to America

A search by the BBC for a typical London family to broadcast to America has ended at a four-roomed flat in the office of a Gracechurch Street City, insurance company, where the Ings live.

OXFORD HONOURS BELLOC

A portrait by James Gunn of Hilaire Belloc, 80, who was president of the Oxford Union 55 years ago, was unveiled at the Union recently.

Sir Duff Cooper, who had travelled from Paris, performed the ceremony at Mr. Belloc's wish.

The poet and author was unable to be present, but members of his family attended. He will listen to a broadcast recording of the proceedings.

The motion discussed was four lines from one of Mr. Belloc's poems: "That in the question very much too wide, and much too deep, and much too hollow, and learned men on either side use arguments we cannot follow."

Sir Duff said that Mr. Belloc would one day be recognized for the great poet he was. "I believe he would be more pleased at this honour done him today than any handful of silver the State had given him or 'riband to stick in his coat.' He loved Oxford."

The motion was carried by acclamation from a crowded House.

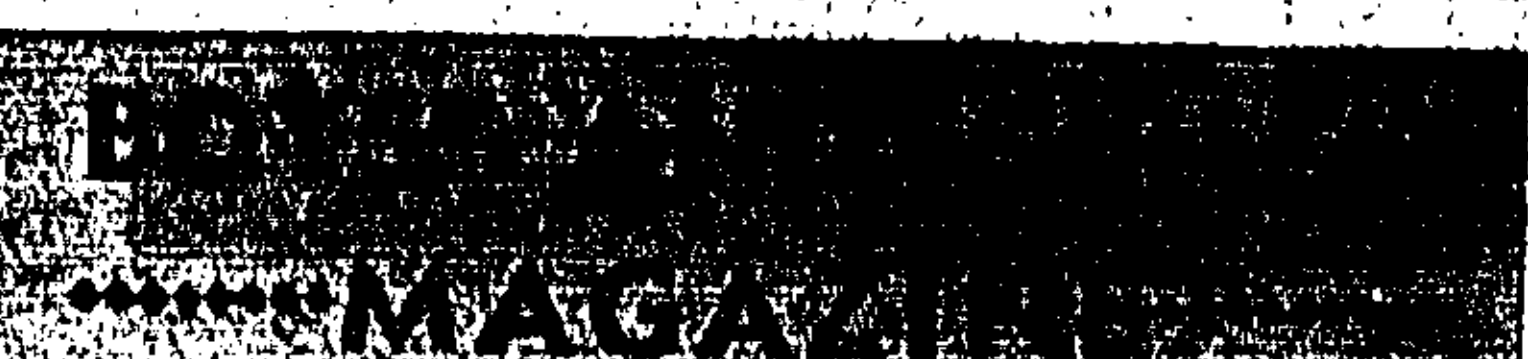
There is 5ft. tall Mrs. Ivy Ing, 43; Mr. Sydney Ing, 58, who with his wife "house-keeps" for the company; their son Geoffrey, 21, who works for another insurance company; their daughter Marion, 19, receptionist at the West End office of a watch-making firm; and baby of the family, Carolyn, three and a half.

Mr. and Mrs. Ing have been City dwellers for 20 years and take a prominent part in the club for City residents. "We are family of many hobbies," says Mrs. Ing. Recently she acquired a new one: handbell ringing.

Steamer Refloated

The 7,242-ton British steamer, Domingo de Larraaga, which ran aground at the mouth of the River Tees today, was refloated on the high tide this afternoon.

She continued up the Tees to Middlesbrough. The river runs into the North Sea in North-East England.—Reuter.



Hanid Had a Bright Idea

—She Thought Purr Purr Should Learn Music—

By MAX TRELL

"MY dear," said Hanid, the Shadow-girl, to Purr Purr, who was a kitten, "I don't think you're very fond of music, are you?"

Purr Purr curled herself cozily in Hanid's lap. She looked up at Hanid. But she didn't say anything. She simply purred.

"I say you're not very fond of music, Purr Purr, because this afternoon, while the children were practising on the piano, you jumped up on the window-sill and started to meow! Now why did you do that?"

Once more Purr Purr looked up at Hanid, and once more she was quite silent.

"Or perhaps," Hanid said, "you didn't think you were disturbing the children with your meowing. Perhaps you thought they liked the sound of your voice. But, frankly, Purr Purr, you haven't a very pretty voice. It's quite loud—and it does frighten mice—but it isn't pretty to listen to. I do think you ought to learn some songs."

Learn to Sing

Hanid tried to think of some songs that Purr Purr might learn to sing. But none of them seemed to be much good for cats except "Three Blind Mice." And Hanid wasn't even sure that that song would be just right for Purr Purr. Finally Hanid said aloud: "Of course, my dear, you can't be expected not to meow. After all, dogs bark, and chickens cluck, and roosters crow, and pigs oink, and ducks quack. Oh, I've just thought of a wonderful idea!"

Hanid picked Purr Purr up and held her in front of her. "It's such a really wonderful idea, Purr Purr. Oh, you're going to love it! I know you are!"

It was hard to tell whether Purr Purr was much interested in Hanid's idea or not, or whether she much cared to hear about it. She just kept looking at Hanid.

"I'll tell you what this wonderful idea is, dear!" Hanid said. "I'm going to teach you music. Then you'll be able to play an instrument by yourself—a piano, a violin, anything you like. Now what instrument would you like to study?"

Hanid thought she had better decide for Purr Purr herself, so she decided on the violin. "I'll teach you how to play the violin, Purr Purr. Come, we'll get out the violin."

There was a violin standing in a corner of the room in its black case. Father played on it now and then. But Father wasn't



Purr Purr disappeared down cellar stairs.

home now. Hanid saw no reason why Purr Purr couldn't practise on it a bit, just to get the feel of it.

Out of Case

The violin was taken out of its case. Hanid held it in front of Purr Purr for her to see what it looked like. "You see, dear, it has four strings. Each one has a different sound. This big fat one on the left side has a very low sound, when you pluck it. And that very thin one on the right side has a very high sound. And this," she said, "is the bow. You hold the violin under your chin and you draw the bow across one of the strings. Here—let me show you. I do hope," Hanid added, half to herself, "that Purr Purr will be able to hold the violin under her chin. Kittens don't seem to have much of a chin. But I guess after awhile she will get used to doing it."

Hanid now put Purr Purr down on the floor, admonishing her at the same time to be sure to listen very carefully. Then Hanid put the violin under her own chin. She drew the bow quickly across the top, very thin string.

A very high squeak came out. "Purr Purr! Come back here!" shouted Hanid the next instant as she saw with alarm that the kitten was dashing across the room. But Purr Purr didn't come back. She streaked out through the door and disappeared down the cellar stairs.

Hanid sighed as she put the violin back in its case. "I suppose the poor silly dear thought the violin sounded like a mouse! She must be down in the cellar now, hunting all around for it. Oh, well—maybe a violin isn't just the right instrument for a cat to play. Though there was a cat once who played the fiddle!" And Hanid sighed and smiled at the same time.

Rupert's Autumn Primrose—9



The angry voice goes on and Edward moves away from the skittles in some anxiety, without throwing another ball. With Rupert he peeps behind the stall. In front of him he sees the ringmaster and take a prominent part in the club for City residents.

"What on earth can I do about it?" He backs quietly out of sight and the two pals gaze at each other in consternation.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



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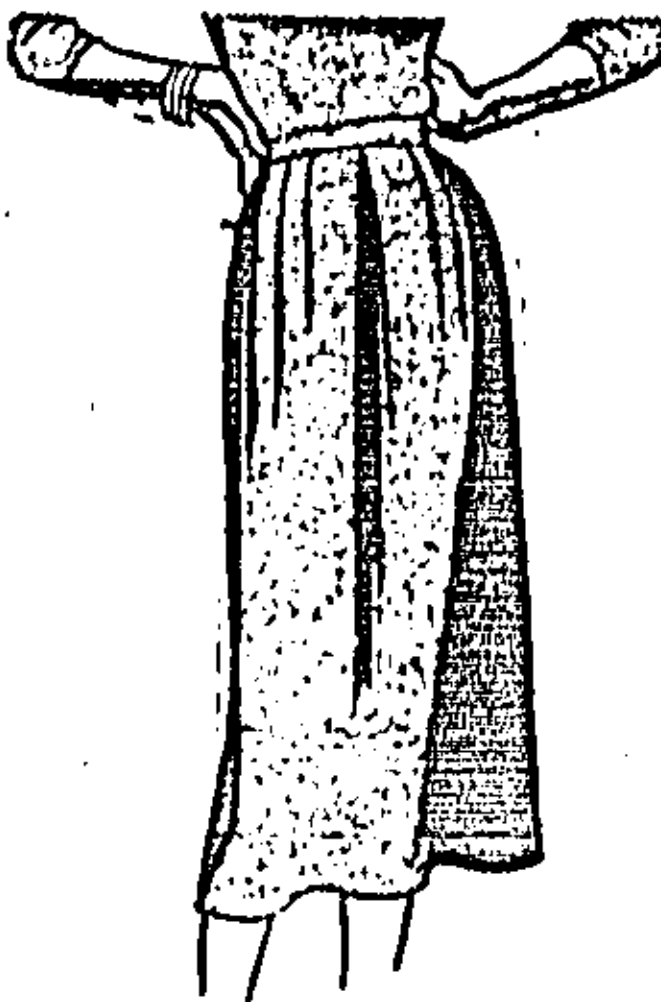
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Our Sewing Scrapbook

An Ever-Handy Jersey Skirt

ANKLES shake out of a jersey skirt. Good-quality jersey, guaranteed against sagging. Your length plus 4" — about — is ample to make skirt. This measures 56" around and is large for figures having 42"

For Larger Hips
If larger than 42" should be made in two pieces. Allowance and use 1/2" to add to their skirt. Iron panel can be made remaining piece. Cutting diagram is necessary for this skirt; just tape, pins, chalk and scissors.



Cut: Straighten both ends. Measure skirt length, chalk off for hem at bottom. Cut diagonal length off to use for line finish.

Placket: Cut down one 7" or 8". Make a very machine-stitched hem both edges of this opening. Bottom end securely.

Fold in Four
Fold skirt in four, beginning at hem and opposite fold. Centre front and centre

When pleats are even, all fullness taken up, stitch across top of skirt to hold all pleats. Remove tape as you stitch so it will not be caught in stitching. Cut jersey waistband piece 2 1/2" longer than waist measurement. Place crosswise centre of this opposite placket opening on waistline. Baste to top of skirt; stitch.

Use Press-On Tape
Turn top edges of jersey band over; use a strip of the kind of tape you press on. Cut this to the width desired. Lay tape over folded edges of jersey band; press carefully to position. Stitch waistband from right side, stitching slowly so jersey will not crowd in front of presser foot. Turn end of jersey back on waistband at placket opening; whip down neatly and flatly. Sew 2 hooks and eyes on band to close it securely. A small snap fastener may be used 4" down from waistband to prevent gaping. Put skirt on; check length. Turn raw edge over 1/4"; stitch this turn, then slip-stitch hem to position.

Keep Your Face Free From Those Signs Of Age

A nightly application of eye cream is a help in keeping away those squint lines that tend to form around the eyes.

By HELEN FOLLETT

ONCE upon a time there was a song that was popularly known as "I can't make my eyes move." What about your eyes? What sort of a performance do they put on? Do you ever wonder why your eyes are so little slits? You mustn't get turkey tracks around them if you don't watch out. You can open them as wide as you can to express surprise? Isn't that such a good idea? Since, to accomplish that act, you wrinkle your forehead, take a chance of getting railroad tracks across it. If you have acquired these habits, apply a heavy cream to your forehead every night. Ring little circles with your fingertips and send an anointed finger around your eyes to insure against squint lines.

Useless Motions
There is no sense in agitating your face with useless motions that put an extra strain on the muscles and dig ditches in delicate tissues. Facial acrobatics

Eye Beauty

While eye make up is a joy and a blessing, when applied with cleverness and restraint, it is no help to the dead-pan face. It just makes it look dead. The eyes should appear alive. They won't if you are bored and show it. They will lose charm and loveliness if they carry a look of calculation. Other people can read your eyes as they read news print. Observe the soft glances exchanged between lovers. Words are not necessary. See the flashing eyes of one who is angered. They can be frightening. Let's all of us make our eyes behave.



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AND SERVE AT ONCE IN THE CLEANED AND HEATED SHELL

OR IF YOU CAN SPARE AN EGG WHEN THE CRAB IS HEATED WELL THROUGH

ADD A SPOT MORE MARG, A DASH OF MADE MUSTARD, A TABLESPOON MILK AND THE BEATEN EGG. AND FINISH COOKING, JUST LIKE SCRAMBLED EGGS

SIMPLE LINE FOR 1951

By Eileen Anderson

SITTING in centrally-heated fashion salons, we steered ourselves against the return to the frost and fog of winter as mannequins paraded in diaphanous dresses, lightweight coats, or — at the warmest — worsted suits for next spring and summer.

Although we must wait for the Big Ten shows next month to know what is going to be high fashion, there have been no drastic changes in style or line so far.

SUITS are simple and unexaggerated, with stiffened basques on jackets standing out from the hips and throwing tiny waists and straight slim skirts into relief.

COATS and informal JACKETES are loosely cut, with the fullness often introduced below a smooth-fitting shoulder yoke. Batwing armholes under slightly dropped shoulder lines are popular. This style is favoured for dresses, too.

DRESS features include the reappearing "button-through" for formal and informal wear; more use of all-round pleats for skirts, and sometimes for bodices; buttons everywhere; swatches of material draped diagonally across the bodice, caught at the waist and allowed to froth in unhampered freedom down the side of the skirt; and deep-cut necklines showing neat little "vests" or waistcoats underneath.

is increased in many of these woven materials by two-toned, coloured "embroidery" on a plain background.

Pure silk shantung—with the promise of shoes in matching materials—a mixture of nylon and pure silk, again giving the impression of being embroidered, organic tussore, sheer cloque tamplon (similar to grosgrain with a diagonal stripe) and tiania, a very fine silk as airy-fairy as its name, are a few of the delicate fabrics which will gladden our eyes in a few months' time.

dress covered with red roses in the very spirit of summer; and evening and dinner gowns which were models of sophistication.

As a complete contrast cotton jersey was used for a saucy little beach outfit of brief ballerina skirt and halter top.

SOFT NEUTRAL

Colours are soft and neutral—all shades of grey, brown, with off-white a favourite, and conventional black and navy not far behind. Citron shades, too, are popular.

COTTON A RIVAL

But cotton is a strong rival to the most glamorous of these new materials.

Whether it is simple gingham or the latest luxury jersey, we welcome cotton because it looks so fresh, young and feminine, tailors perfectly, and has that aura of crisp summer sunshine which is completely its own.

The hit of cotton fashions this year is likely to be cotton jersey, something new—at least to the post-war world—elegant and utterly feminine. I have seen it in a charming donkey brown afternoon dress, its draping qualities used to perfection in the all-round pleated skirt.

It made a gay holiday frock in brilliant patchwork pattern; a particularly delightful white

Broadtail Is Riding High



Fur coat with velveteen skirt.

BEIGE American broadtail is the fur used for these two following numbers. It is a nice choice for the season. This bulky jacket has two slantwise high-placed pockets which are bound with black suede to tone with the black suede belt that clinches the waist above the flared peplum. There are deep turn-back cuffs that can be worn down to extend the sleeve. The coat is shown with a black velveteen sheath skirt.



American broadtail coat.

CHARMING indeed, and rich in variety, are the new fur fashions, with excellent values at every price level. Also made of American broadtail is this coat in either beige, black or navy blue, and cut on the lines of a shirt. Made with a buttoned front panel and roomy, flapped pockets, it may also be worn without the belt, in which case it hangs like any loose coat, with just a slight flare.

DAINTY PATTERNS

Materials are more glamorous than ever. Lighter in weight, without any loss of warmth—that is the keynote for the worsteds and crepe tweeds used for almost all spring suits. This lightness brings an added softness to the hang of skirt or coat.

Woven materials seem to have been embroidered by hand, so dainty are the patterns raised on the cloth. This illusion

Paris Sweater



A pleasant knitting occupation for fireside evenings, this smart French designed sweater goes with town tallmades or country slacks or skirt. Knitted all in one piece, it takes about 18 hours to make and needs 5oz. of white and 4oz. of navy Paton's Beehive Crepe wool.

New Year Dinner Finland Style

Assorted Hors d'Oeuvres (Volleleppapaya)
Basket of Rolls, Whole Grain Bread and Whole Wheat
Celery Olives Pickled Beets
Soup: Fish Soup (Kalakeitto)
Fish: Creamed salt codfish (Lipsala)
Meat Course: Choice of Roast Goose (Hauhi), stuffed with prunes, or Roast Fresh Ham (Joulukinkku)
Vegetables: Baked white potatoes baked carrot pudding
Desserts: Rice Pudding (Risipuuvoa), Prune Pudding with whipped cream (Luumukis-salin), Coffee
The soup turned out to be a delicately seasoned fish chowder, delicious seasoned fish chowder, delicious not only for New Year's day, but for service any time.

Finnish Fish Soup

Clean a 2 to 3 lb. sea bass or ocean perch. Fillet the fish. Place the trimmings, bones, fins and tail in a cheesecloth bag. Cut the fillets into bite-sized pieces and put in a 3-quart kettle. Add the bag of trimmings, 1 1/2 cups small-diced white potatoes, 3/4 cup small-diced celery, 1/2 cup diced onion, 2 tsp. salt and 5 cups boiling water. Cover and simmer half an hour. Then remove the cheesecloth bag. Add 1 cup light cream or undiluted evaporated milk, and simmer 5 min. Serve sprinkled with chopped fresh dill.

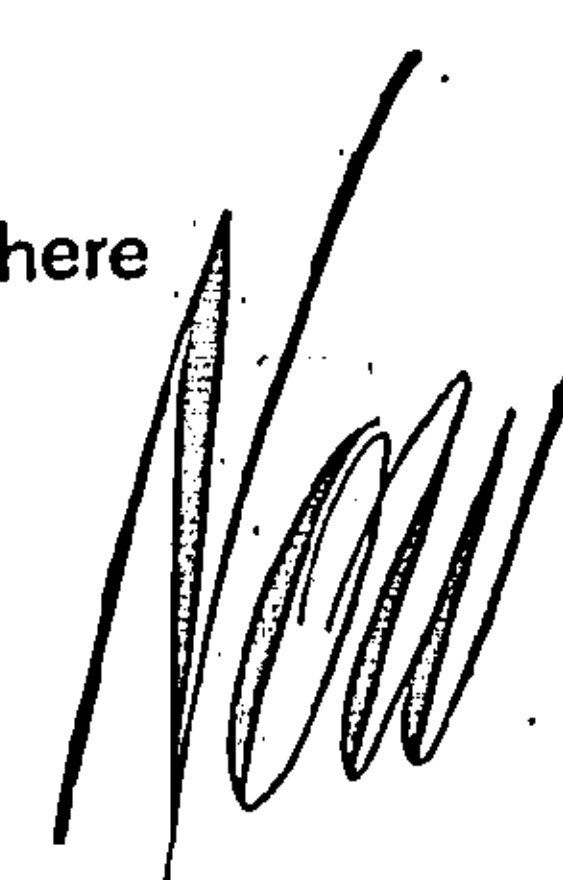
Creamed Salt Codfish

This is a traditional New Year's dish in Finland, and is made from salt codfish, soaked a long time in water to remove the excess salt, belled until flaky, and served with a rich cream sauce seasoned sparingly with salt, and of all things—ground allspice—which gives a most intriguing taste.

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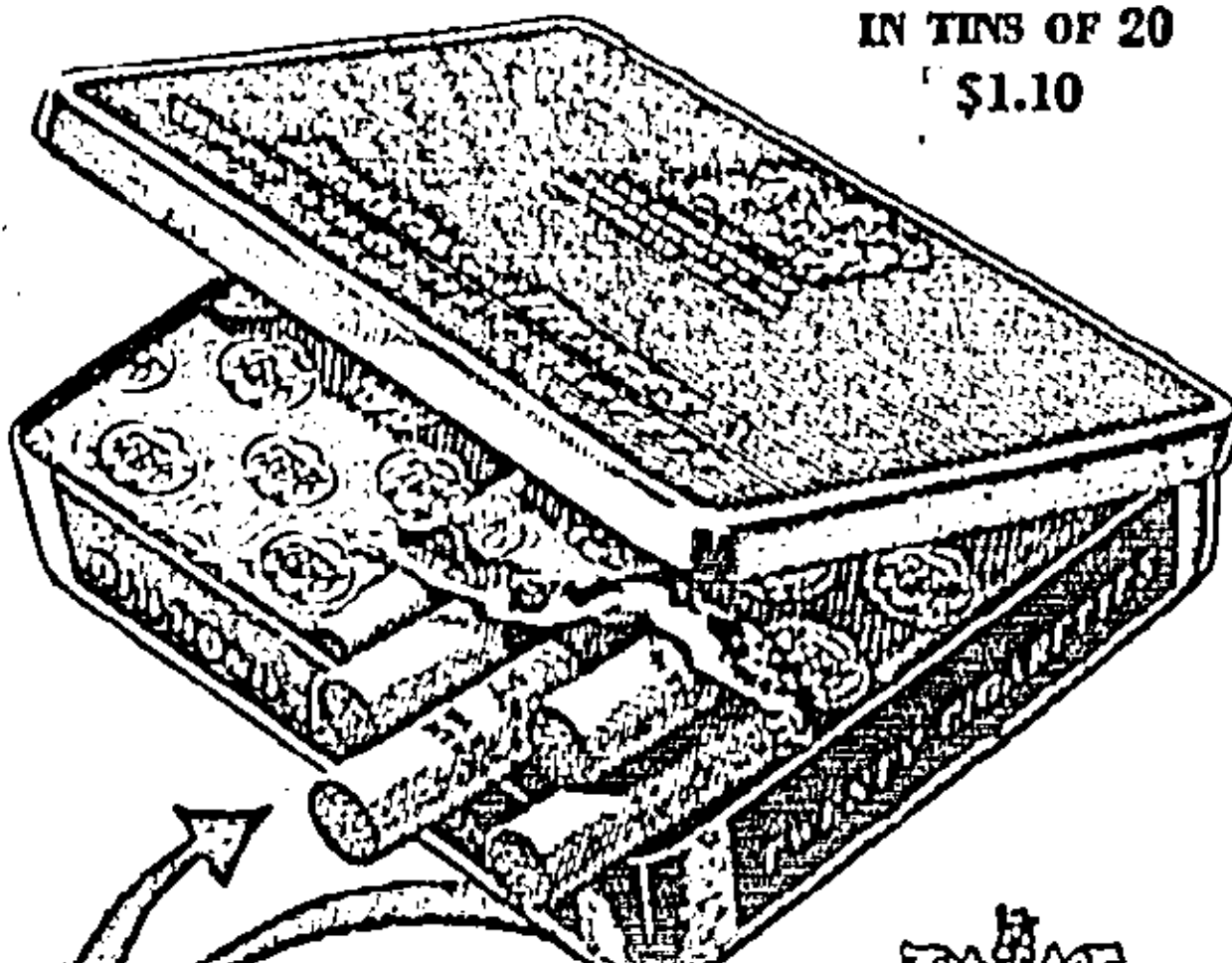


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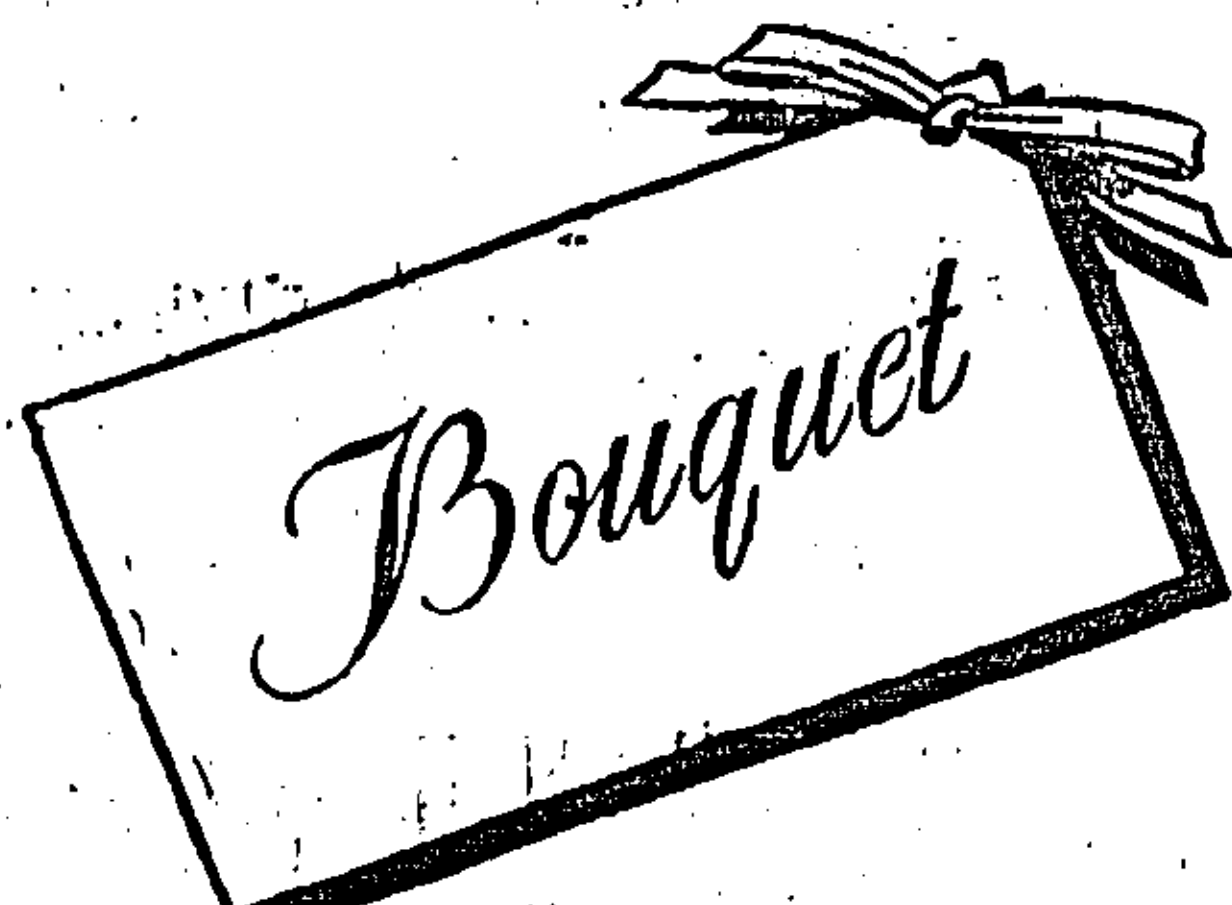
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Sitting on the Fence....

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

"Life will be bleak for many years to come," the Chancellor of the Exchequer said. "The public demand for sleeping pills is greater than ever."

SOMETIME in the years to follow, sometime in the days to come,

English highways will be silent, English cities will be dumb.

Silent but for gentle snoring, gentle snoring night and day;

In each cottage and each castle we shall sleep our cares away.

We shall sleep and none shall wake us, wake us more for good or ill.

For the postman and the milkman will have had their sleeping pill.

Like the butcher and the baker and the copper on his beat,

They shall rest in cosy rapture with hot bottles at their feet.

Sleeping, too, will be the housewife as she lets the day go by;

No more queuing for the rations, or for goods in short supply.

Sleeping, too, will be her children, and the dog and cat as well,

While her husband snores untroubled by the silent factory bell.

Those alone awake and busy in a world of velvet dark.

Will be toffee-nosed officials and the tax collector's clerk;

They will still be asking questions, they will still have forms to fill,

While their victims, unrepentant, take another sleeping pill.

"Why haven't we got no keys to open our sardine tins?"

"What's the price of the price of turkeys if we have any turkeys?"

"Why haven't we got no eggs to go with the bacon we haven't got neither?" They laughed like drains when the Food Minister said he couldn't clip it if ens didn't lay in the winter, which only goes to show what their poor miserable what-is-named will laugh at in the House of Commons these days.

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The price of electricity's gone up, so don't use the electric iron too much for them smalls, girls. So's the price of meat if the Argentines come the old acid. And thanks to them Russian sweethearts, so's your income tax, to find the dough-ray-me to pay for the stuff that goes bang bang bang.

As for the weaver it's gone to be a proper basket—snow, all, steel, galls, thunder and lightning and lumps of ice droppin on your old loaf of bread if you ain't careful.

Well, that's the end of the six o'clock news, which is bad enough. But you wait till 9 o'clock. It's going to be something shockin. If I was you I'd take the old trouble and strife to the flicks till it's over; or better still, drop into the old

capitalist America? The Council of Profit-Sharing Industries, meeting in Cincinnati, believes it knows the answer.

Companies are finding that profit-sharing means increased profits. Workers are happy and work harder. They spend more, and prosperity grows.

The council says profit-sharing could make America free of strikes. And that would be a real shot-in-the-arm for free enterprise.

CONTROLS: America will have none of all-out controls, unless there is all-out war. Speeches by Truman's chief economic expert, Leon Keyserling, and Defence Secretary George Marshall make this plain. Both speeches indicate that the Government still bases its plans on the assumption that there is not going to be all-out war.

MEAT—mountains of it—is headed for United States dinner-tables, says the American Meat

Institute. So much pork is coming to market that it should mean an extra lb. of meat a week for every family.

EX-CHAMPION Joe Louis's gloves no longer carry the old sleeping pills, Chicago prize-fight fans say sadly—although Joe beat the Argentine's Cesar Brian. The fans say Joe could not get much steam into his blows. Joe, 38 and paunchy, drew only 8,800 to Chicago's stadium to see the fight.

MOTHER-LOVE is not a child's automatic and legal right, Justice Lummus, of Massachusetts High Court, ruled when lawyers for a 14-year-old girl asked him to award her \$35,000 damages against a man who enticed her mother away.

MANGANESE, vital in the production of armour plate, is still being shipped to the United States by the Soviet. The Des Moines Register suggests that here is the answer to the question "Does Russia mean war?"

Ere is the news

NOW trade unionists want to be represented at all levels in the B.B.C. as the corporation is considered "anti-working class," let us hope that my dreams of an uncontrolled, uninhibited cockney reading the news will be realised at last.

This is the B.B.C. one service and ere is the news. And cor stone me up a gum tree what a lovely packet it is.

In Korea ordes or Chinks are still movin sari on the old frog and toad, and dein it mainly on their old plates of meat, as they ain't got much transport. Forty farlands are in Pyongyang and farsands and farsands the so-and see ain't far off Wopgpo. Pingpong, Dingdong, Hamsirung, Hohum, and Howcum, or whatever they call their cithen ovels.

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In the Ouse this afternoon they was askin the same old cock-eyed questions about grub

NEW YORK.

THEY wanted to take a Scottish-born Philip Murray's picture in Pittsburgh, America's steel centre.

He beamed, removed his glasses, and said: "I believe I look better with them off."

He looked better, too, to 165,000 employees of the United States Steel Corporation, whose output equals or betters that of all Britain's mills.

As head of their union, Murray had just accepted the company's offer to raise their wages by 1s. 0½d. an hour.

Up goes their average pay to 13s. 4d. an hour; up goes the company's wage bill by more than £44,625,000 a year.

Why didn't the workers have to fight for this money in

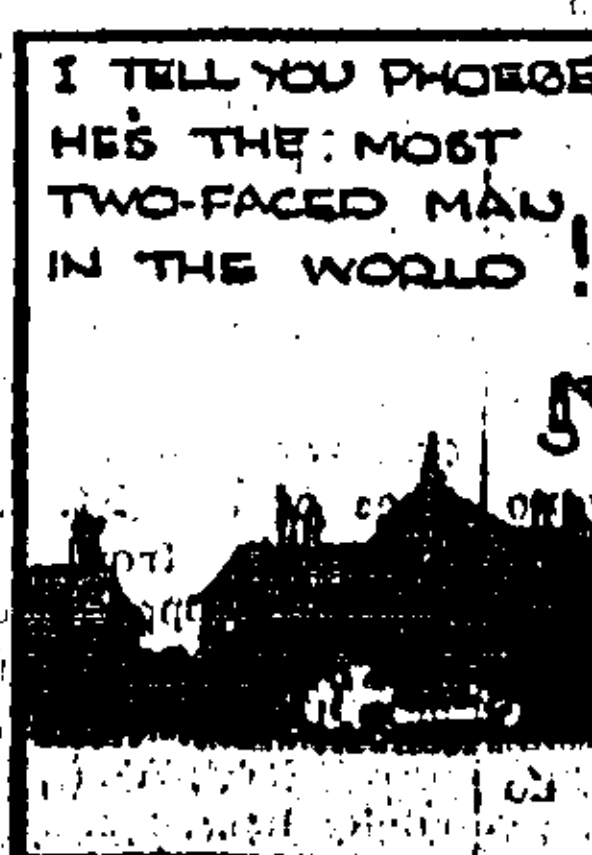
POP

I TELL YOU PHOEBE—
HE'S THE MOST
TWO-FACED MAN
IN THE WORLD!

WELL
ANYWAY—

HE'S GOT A CHIN TO
GO WITH EACH FACE!

Double fault



WHAT'S
GOING ON

by EPHRAIM HARDCASTLE

Mr George Bernard Shaw was still alive he would, I am sure, have some sparkling comment to make about a paragraph in the editorial page of this month's issue of The Cyclist.

It is the last place I would look for an all-out attack on a great man of letters.

But there, in two and three-quarter column inches, the editor, Mr. F. J. Camm, tells the great cycling public that Bernard Shaw was a no-good writer, a mountebank, a humbug and a "vain-glorious human peacock," as well as being a dead loss to the Cyclists' Touring Club, of which he was a life member.

"There is no evidence," complains Mr Camm, "that he ever became a cyclist." In this respect he was inferior to H. G. Wells, who gets full marks for his career on two wheels.

And Shaw, though he wrote "many plays," was not "on the same literary level" as cyclist Wells. Nor, apparently, on that of Oscar Wilde, but for whose imprisonment, we are told, we should never have heard of Shaw.

I told Mr Camm that on the best information I could obtain Shaw had ridden a bicycle up to the last ten years of his life and that when he fell from his machine in 1897 the affair rated some publicity—in spite of the fact that Oscar Wilde was still at large.

"Oh, he may have pattered down to the shops," commented Mr Camm, "but we don't call that cycling."

"Please"

AS CHAIRMAN of the U.S. Chiefs of Staff Committee and of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation General Omar Bradley has the biggest military job in the non-Communist world today.

Tall, thin, soft-spoken, the 57-year-old general avoids publicity. Even in the U.S. there are many who know little of him.

A story shows the kind of man he is. While he was interviewing a captured German officer in Sicily an aide accidentally fired his carbine, and the bullet zipped close by Bradley's ear.

He turned angrily to the man and snapped: "Be more careful with that damned thing." Then, pulling himself up short, he added: "Please."

Chop and change

TO MANY members of London's Diplomatic Corps the closing down of the Nationalist Chinese Embassy is a blow at the stomach as well as at the heart.

For Ambassador Dr Cheng Tse-hai used to give dinner parties at his official residence in Portland Place which were the delight of all who enjoy fine Chinese cooking.

Now a little of the gloom has lifted. The late ambassador's chef has moved to a West End dining club.

'Number two'

NO ONE, I imagine, looks forward more keenly than Mr Julius Holmes to the arrival in London of the new U.S. Ambassador, Walter Sherman Gifford.

For the past 18 months, because of the frequent absences and illness of Mr Lewis Douglas, Julius Holmes, as "num-

ber two," has borne the burden.

And from everyone who come into contact with him hear the same story: No one could have borne it better.

He has the steady, eyes, the short-clipped, moustache, and incisive of a first-class soldier.

He speaks his mind. But, with that, he has diplomatic qualities some lacking in soldiers.

He took an active part in arranging the Atlantic talks.

And, at a time when Americans are aiming a tin, Mr Holmes has been a staunch, underst friend, and a deep admirer of the British Empire.

Derby touch

THE 32-YEAR-OLD of Derby, who succeeded to his grandfather's high position nearly three years ago, makes many public appearances.

It is good to hear him commenting on his easy, fluent, and attractive manner. And it is noticeable, too, he is not afraid to put into his speeches.

The other evening he sided at a coal trade dinner which Minister of Fuel Power Philip Noel-Baker guest of honour.

Lord Derby's audience with pleasure who suggested that it must be particularly worrying for Noel-Baker to leave him on such occasions. For meant taking his eye Mr Shawell.

And nobody could be whether the Defence Ministry was after Mr Noel-Baker or General MacArthur's.

POSTSCRIPT.—Main to point of the evening the tables was not with Lord Hyndley — also a — would leave the Coal but when he would have so. He looks a very w man.

by Grandmott

IN PARIS everyone humming and whistling song of the sea. It is "Surcouf," the name of a legendary French pirate.

The song is the latest of best-selling composer Val who lives in a cottage at Coates-du-Nord, stormy west tip of France.

Valandré? It is a donym. The real name madame Jules Pleven, 74-old mother of the Prime Minister.

She started writing shanties for the amusement of her grandchildren.

But one day Prime Minister Pleven inadvertently let one out of the bag when he was whistling and, pled that it had been by his mother.

Now, on radio, gramophone and bandstand, Grand Pleven is the hit of the

'Ike' paints too

WHEN General Eisenhower comes to Europe as Commander-in-Chief he will bring an item of personal equipment which is since we last saw him in the list of men of action have turned, late in life, painting.

He now spends at least an hour each day at his easel.

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Salute to Britain's women in uniform

HOW fortunate not to have been born Grandmamma—nor even Mother! Poor dears, they did miss a lot of youthful fun and opportunity!

It's Miss Britain of 1950, speaking, as she makes her debut into the atomic era, determined to get the best out of life.

Grandmamma was just left to sigh enviously as her brothers went off to see the world; mother's chances for seeing how the other half of the world lives were strictly limited. But today's daughters can have their photographs taken as they sit on camels before the ancient Sphinx in Egypt, they can climb the Black Mountains of Germany, pick fresh pineapples in Malayan gardens, and bargain in the bazaars of Hongkong—without a penny's cost to themselves.

Simply by joining one of the Women's Armed Forces they can become among the most widely travelled women.

In the history of Britain's Navy, Army, and Air Force, the women's sections are very, very young.

Oldest of these juveniles is the Women's Royal Army Corps, which started life during the 1914-1918 war as the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.

Thus, for the first time since the Amazons of Greek legend showed what women warriors could do, women put on uniform and went to war.

But these modern Amazons were of gentler strain. Though they served in France when the Germans almost broke the Allied line in 1918, their duties were chiefly of a domestic nature.

Renamed

NONE the less they proved their worth, and when war unhappily broke out again in 1939 the Army lost no time in calling upon women for full-time service with H.M. Forces.

At the peak period of the war, 200,000 women were serving in what was then called the Auxiliary Territorial Service (A.T.S.). This time they were not only in the kitchens but also were defending their very own homes.

They helped to man the searchlights that caught the zooming German bombers in their beams; they served on the guns that blew into a thousand pieces the flying bombs that came clattering merrily over the Channel from France. They were wireless operators, radio mechanics, and lorry drivers.

In fitting recognition of their contribution to the defence of Britain, the A.T.S., therefore, was made part of the British Regular Army in 1949 and renamed the Women's Royal Army Corps.

Today the W.R.A.C. has a long list of interesting jobs for women who may join between the ages of 17½ and 36. Married women may enlist too provided they are willing to serve anywhere in the world.

Should a girl marry after her enlistment—and the marriage rate is high—then she may claim her release.

All these women soldiers are volunteers and join in the first place for three or four years, after which they may sign on for further terms of service, in some cases up to 22 years.

They pay 1½ three-quarters of the rate paid to men. Recruits receive 25s. 9d. a

They can be among the best paid and the most travelled of their sex

officer they will take over £7 10s. at the weekly pay grade. Food, a roof over their heads, uniform, and travelling concessions when on leave, are all free.

Every encouragement is given to those who wish to further their education, so that if their eyes are fixed on the topmost branches of ambition's tree, then there is the target of a minimum of £1,163 a year for a brigadier.

Recruiting is going well, and is likely to be further stimulated when the women soldiers' new walking-out dress is issued. This is a bottle green serge jacket with pale green shirt blouse, and has been designed by Norman Hartnell, who makes the Queen's clothes.

Age Thaurup, the Queen's milliner, has designed for them a becoming peaked cap, which will be provided with a green beret as an alternative. For duty the girls will wear khaki battle-blouses and skirts.

For young women with a desire to nurse, and yet who are not State Registered nurses, there are opportunities in Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps.

They can train as nursing orderlies, radiographers, masseuses, chiropodists, clerks, storewomen, dental operating room assistants and dental hygienists.

There will be opportunities, also, of training to be State Registered nurses. Rates of pay are the same as those paid to the W.R.A.C. Like the members of the W.R.A.C., they will have the chance of seeing foreign lands and peoples.

Already a batch of Q.A.R.A.N.C. sisters have left for nursing in Korea. Also on overseas service are members of the Women's Royal Naval Service (W.R.N.S.)—the Navy's "better half," known as the Wrens.

More than 100,000 women served in the W.R.N.S. during World War II, and in 1949 the Service became established as a permanent part of the Royal Navy.

Range of jobs FOR them is provided an exciting range of jobs from cooking in galleys to plotting the tracks of ships and servicing naval aircraft.

Though they are normally horsewomen, some of their numbers do go to sea. At the end of the last war 30 Wrens shared in the Royal Navy's £4,000,000 prize money; the principal qualification for a share being 180 days' at-sea.

British women, who also have British parents, and who are between the ages of 18 and 27, can put on the becoming navy blue serge uniform of the W.R.N.S. They can be married or single, and must be willing to go wherever their services are needed.

Pay starts at 30s. 9d. a week and all found for recruits to £200 a year for a superintendant.

Should they serve the Royal Navy for 22 years then they are eligible for a pension.

High rents for bed-sitting rooms, increasing fares and rising food costs make a big hole in the pay packet of the business or professional woman in City Street.

A secretary earning £7 10s. a week in a London office, and finding for herself in a one-roomed flat, has very little balance when she has housed, fed, and clothed herself.

Her counterparts in the women's Services, however, could receive over £7 10s. a week, in addition to free accommodation, food, uniform, and free travelling facilities on leave.

Retirement

THE girl in uniform has a chance of free foreign travel and a pension at the end of 22 years' service which will be a welcome addition to her State retirement pension of 26s. a week.

All through her service she can enjoy a full social and cultural life without any dearth of companions.

More than likely she will marry. It she does, and has completed ten years' service, her gratuity will be a useful dowry.

What is more, the character training and rich experiences of her Service life should make her an excellent, understanding wife.

Obviously Service life must make women tough. But it is the toughness of common sense. Any woman, whether her education ended at 15 or culminated in a university degree, gains a truer appreciation of life's values from a spell in uniform.

But never is her essential femininity threatened.

Yes, it's true—women DO gossip more than men



THE CHAPMAN PINCHER COLUMN

DO women really gossip more than men, or is this just another masculine slur kept going to make females feel inferior?

After a six months' moop on 500 men and women kept in small cubicles for an hour at a time with nothing to do, I can give the first authoritative answer to this question.

At every age and at every social level the average female tongue is far more easily triggered into action than the male. And once started it goes faster, longer, or at least more purpose.

I base these conclusions on careful observations made on fellow-passengers during more than 150 one-hour train journeys between my home and the office.

I always hope to get through some stiff scientific reading during these trips. But in five journeys out of every six a serious study is prevented by somebody's small-talk.

So after ear-plugs proved ineffective, I decided to turn my train travels into a social experiment by analysing the background chatter, timing it, and noting the topics discussed.

My records show that 85 per cent of the noise which interrupted my work was made by women, though far more men travel on the trains I use.

1 When two women who are already friends get into a compartment the odds are they will talk for 70 per cent of the journey. The maximum time two friendly women can endure silence seems to be four minutes.

When two men who have started a platform conversation get into a carriage the chances are only one in five that they will continue it for longer than ten minutes.

2 If two women who are strangers sit together on a journey lasting longer than half an hour there is a more than even chance they will start talking within ten minutes, and keep the conversation going all the way.

My notes record only one case in which two men strangers started a conversation lasting more than five minutes.

3 Married couples are the safest companions in trains. One couple in every three is silent throughout the journey. The rest usually keep their conversation down to essentials.

The commonest topics of carriage cross-talk among women were: 1. The reasons for the journey—usually opening with a breathless commentary on how they nearly missed the train. 2. Housework. 3. The

gibberish talked by Army conscripts. When decipherable this most often referred to: 1. "Civvy Street." 2. The last week-end leave. 3. The next week-end leave.

In my view there should be No-Talking compartments on every train so that busy men can escape the gossip. Until these are introduced the tricks I learned during my research should help fellow-sufferers.

If you can bear it, always travel in a non-smoker. This eliminates the danger of the proffered cigarette which, in spite of its price, still opens many dreary discussions.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE WEEK-END

FROM RODNEY CAMPBELL NEW YORK

NEW York's week-end begins at 4 o'clock on Friday and lasts until Monday morning. By early on Friday evening every main road, bridge, and tunnel is blocked by traffic moving, almost imperceptibly, at five m.p.h.

The stations are crowded, too, so that the fastest way out of the city (if you can afford it) is by helicopter.

Even in winter, limousines, "old crows", smart little sport cars, and motor cycles head for the country. At present everyone is driving to the ski slopes. In summer the attractions are the lakes, rivers, golf courses, and beaches.

The reason for this all-the-year-round weekly exodus is that New York is such a hectic, dirty city that five days spent working in it are quite enough for anyone.

As a result, New Yorkers are the most weekend-minded people in America.

FROM HENRY THODY. PARIS

THE average Frenchman still prefers to spend his week-end at home. His entertainment finds in the local cafes, or more simply, in the company of his family and relatives over the dinner table. On Sunday he may watch a football game.

Only with the younger generation are week-ends away from home becoming more popular. Paris and the industrial northern towns have plenty of near-by attractions and the railways run many cheap excursions.

In summer there are the forests of Fontainebleau and Compiègne and the Channel beaches, including Deauville. At the Casino, in the afternoon, you can try your luck for shilling stakes at tables where kings and film stars gamble for fortunes at night.

For the country-minded, camps and youth hostels are becoming more popular.

Many workers have Saturday and Sunday free, but others—especially clerks—take Sunday and Monday off, so that most shops are closed on Sundays and many of them on Mondays as well.

FROM ALEX HAMMOND. DURBAN

FAST distances and slow trains hamper week-end travel in South Africa. As a result most South Africans keep very much within the bounds of their home towns.

As most workers own cars there is usually a short sight-seeing trip on the Saturday afternoon or Sunday.

The main week-end attraction is sport. All the major sports

in South Africa are played by amateurs, whose only free time is the week-end, so there is no mid-week sport. Sunday, in fact, has become such a popular day for Rugby, cricket, football, tennis, bowls and golf that the Church is claiming that sport is ruining South Africa's Sunday.

On the other hand, in the smaller towns and in the villages, controlled to a large extent by the strict churches of the Afrikaans-speaking people, Sundays are devoted to worship and visiting. So strict is this observance that in the Free State an old Republican law still prevents any train starting a journey from the Free State on a Sunday.

There are no Sunday cinemas or public-houses in South Africa, but there are Sunday concerts in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban. Twelve-hour-a-day commercial radio programmes are popular.

FROM K. SCOTT WATSON. MILAN

THE Italians are now rapidly breaking with tradition, and going away for the week-ends. Their average weekly holiday is from mid-day Saturday until Monday morning, although many office workers, unprotected by a union, rarely start their week-end before eight o'clock on a Saturday evening.

Mussolini believed in keeping the masses occupied at week-ends, and a nation-wide organisation, "Dopolavoro", or "After Work," offered cinemas, concerts, sports meetings, and opera at reduced prices.

Today, with democratic trappings, this organisation is still offering similar facilities, and every insured worker has the right to amusements at cut prices and cheap trips to the lakes or seaside.

Thousands still spend their week-ends at home preparing their football pool forecasts for the Sunday matches, or entertaining visitors and relations.

Italian girls are rarely allowed out alone, and mixed hiking is unknown. It is the young people, however, who are now breaking with the "stay at home" tradition. Every week-end hundreds of parties stream out to the lakes or the ski-runs on the tiny popular motorcoasters.

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FROM ANTHONY BARRETT. SANTIAGO DE CHILE

MOST South Americans stopped regarding the week-end as a purely British institution some time ago.

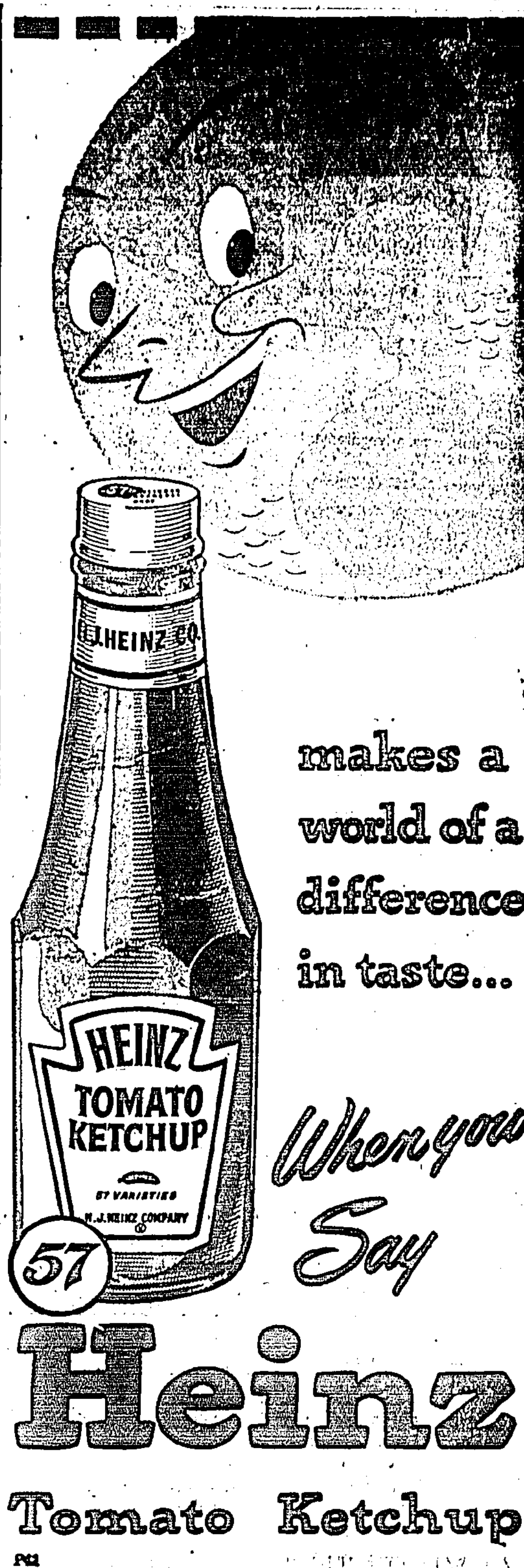
As roads and railways improve, more and more of the middle classes follow the example of the gente bien, and take themselves off to the sea, mountains, and lakes.

Distances, however, are so enormous, and hotel facilities so limited, that normally one does not stray too far.

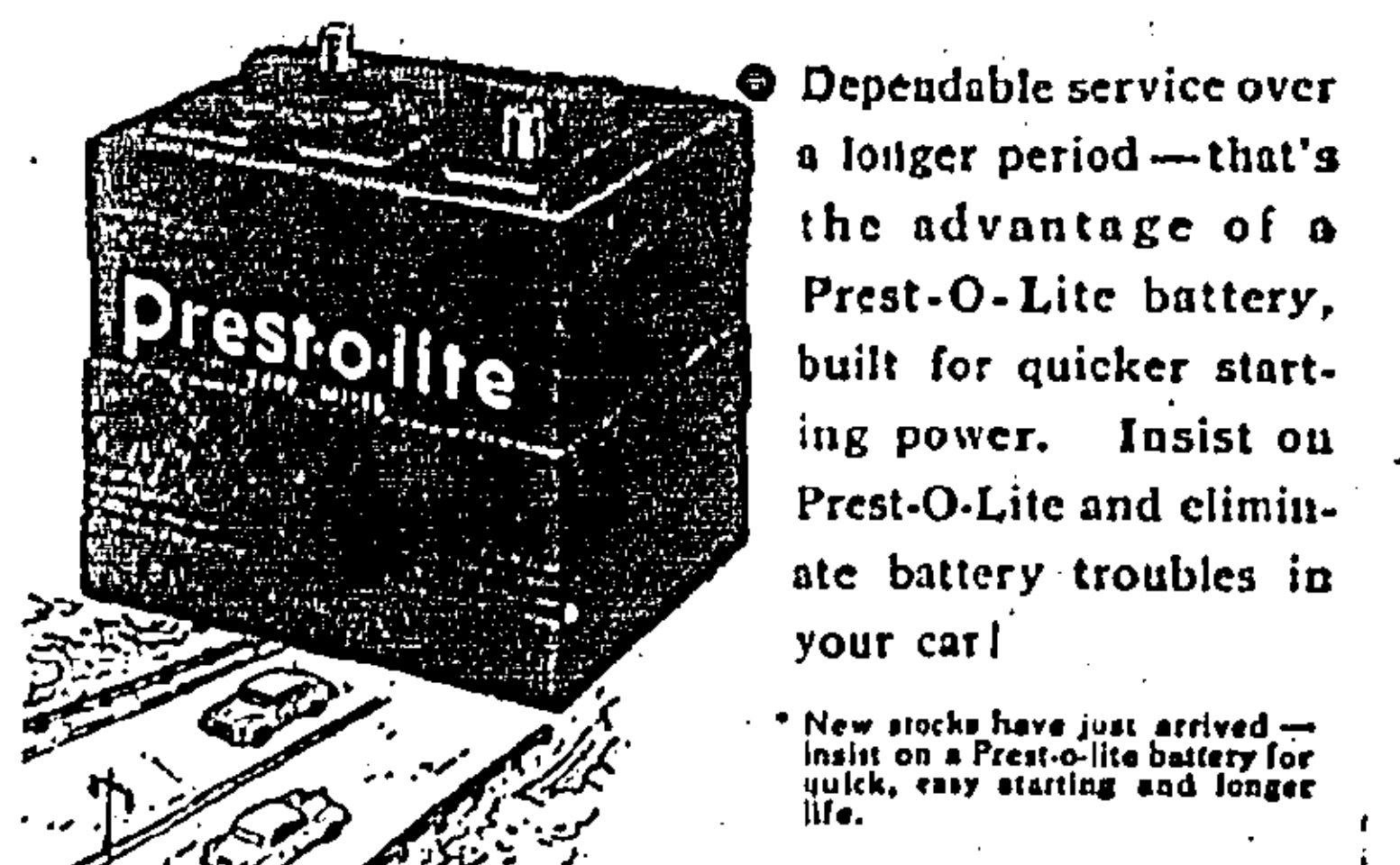
Some of the larger cities have residential country clubs within reach, offering everything from polo to ping-pong. For the unemployed younger people, the camping and hostel movements are developing.

One type of week-end at once sensational and utterly dreary is that enjoyed by many a peon who draws his wages on Saturday and drinks remorselessly until they are spent. Indeed, it is this "lost week-end" which gave birth to San Lunes (Saint Monday), sometimes regarded as a feast day because so many people report for work!

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Ezzard Charles Again Named Fighter Of The Year

New York, Dec. 26.

The magazine The Ring issued its annual ratings today and again named the Heavyweight Champion Ezzard Charles "the Fighter of the Year."

Charles of Cincinnati who won the award in 1949, beat the Welterweight Champion, Ray Robinson, for the coveted designation this year despite the fact that the New York Boxing Writers Association had given Sugar Ray the Edward J. Neil plaque for his 1950 contributions to the sport.

The Ring editor, Nat Fleischer, explained in a copyrighted article that Charles was picked because of his cleantest triumph over the former champion, Joe Louis, "in the most vital contest of 1950."

Although Sugar Ray clicked off 18 straight victories this year, Fleischer emphasized, "The sum total of his influence on the world boxing situation was not equal to that represented by Charles' surprisingly easy success against Louis."

SOME RECOGNITION

However, The Ring did give Robinson some recognition by naming him the "greatest all-around fighter pound by pound in any division."

The "Progress of the Year Award" went to Vic Towel of South Africa who won the World Bantamweight Championship within one year from the start of his professional career. He took the 118-pound title from American Manuel Ortiz, on a decision in Johannesburg, South Africa, on May 31.

Robinson of New York and the Lightweight Champion, Joe Maxim, of Cleveland were the only two fighters listed as champions in their own divisions and contenders in other classes.

Maxim was rated No. 3 contender for the Heavy crown behind Joe Louis and Lee Savold in that order.

Robinson was ranked No. 1 contender for Jake Lamotta's middleweight title. Louis still was rated top heavyweight contender, despite his trouncing by Charles and despite his questionable showing in beating Cesar Brion, for two reasons:

1. Lee Savold, who is recognized as champion by the British Board of Boxing Control, had but one fight in 1950, his knockout victory over Bruce Woodcock.

2. Jersey Joe Walcott dropped to No. 9.

Despite the tight game's troubles during 1950, it nevertheless provided the fans with unusually good championship competition in which Charles established himself firmly as king of the heavies, Maxim was at the lightweight crown from Freddie Mills of England, Sandy Saddler recaptured the feather title from Willie Pep, Vic

Towel took the bantam bonnet from Ortiz and Dado Marino of Hawaii won the flyweight laurels from Terry Allen of England.

Boxing troubles, according to Fleischer, included the continuance of a few "hoodlums" among managers and the inroads of television, which is killing off the small clubs.

RATINGS BY DIVISION

Here are the Ring magazine's top ratings of boxers for 1950 in the order of their ranking:

Heavyweights—Champion Ezzard Charles, Joe Louis, Lee Savold, Joe Maxim, Lee Oma, Bob Baker, Clarence Henry, Rex Layne, Jersey Joe Walcott, Jack Gardner, Rocky Marciano, Roland Lasterza.

Lightweights—Champion Joe Maxim, Archie Moore, Harry "Kid" Matthews, Bob Murphy, Bob Satterfield, Nick Barone, Jim Slade, Doc Williams, Connie Rux, Don Cockell and Lloyd Marshall.

Middleweights—Champion Jake Lamotta, Ray Robinson, Laurent Dauthuille, Dave Sands, Randolph Turpin, Robert Villmain, Jimmy Beau, Eugene Halstrom, Ray Barnes, Walter Cartier, Art Towne.

Welterweights—Champion Ray Robinson, George Costner, Kid Gavilan, Billy Graham, Charley Fusari, Mickey Thomas, Johnny Sexton, Mickey Tolis, Lester Felton, Charley Colton, Joe Micels, Johnny Bratten.

Lightweights—Champion Ike Williams, John L. Davis, Freddie Dawson, Tommy Campbell, James Carter, Johnny Gonzalez, "Sonny Boy" West, Art Dragon, Eddie Chavez, Rudy Cruz and Roberto Proietti.

Featherweights—Champion Sandy Saddler, Willie Pep, Ray Farnoch, Charley Riley, Percy Bassett, Luis de Santiago, Ronnie Clayton, Al Phillips, Jackie Graves, Rocky McKay, Ciro Moraseneq.

Bantamweights—Champion Vic Towel, Louis Romero, Manuel Ortiz, Louis Valvani, Luis Castillo, Elly Bennett, Peter Keenan, Tommy Proffitt, Emile Chemana, Hadi Tijani, Alvaro Nuvoroni.

Flyweights—Champion Dado Marino, Jenn Sheers, Terry Allen, Louis Skena, Vic Her-

man, Honore Pratesi, Stumpy Butwell, Teddy Gardner, Black Pico, Maurice Sandeyron, Bob Servano.—United Press.

Sugar Ray Knocks Out Hans Stretz

Frankfurt, Dec. 25.

"Sugar" Ray Robinson, the American Negro World Welterweight Champion, knocked out Hans Stretz, former German Middleweight Champion, in the fifth round of a 10-round non-title fight here tonight.

It was Robinson's last fight before returning to the United States. Stretz was down in the first half minute and it was near the end of the first round, before he landed his first blow. He was down twice. In the second round, for Robinson was obviously trying for a quick knockout.

Stretz fought back with jabs and right hooks in the third round but Robinson was master of the situation.

Towards the end of the fourth round Stretz was knocked down twice, the bell saving him from being counted out.

Stretz started the fifth round shakily and was down almost at once, but he got up quickly. He went down again, came out at the count of eight then toppled over and was counted out.—Reuter.

TO FIGHT DAVE SANDS

Sydney, Dec. 26.

Sydney businessman David Blank announced tonight that world welterweight champion "Sugar" Ray Robinson has agreed to fight Dave Sands in Australia next March.

Sands is Australian middleweight, lightweight and heavyweight champion.

Blank said that New York promoter Larry Rumanian cabled him that Robinson is willing to make the trip.—Associated Press.

Cricket Club Beat Army By 45 Runs

The Hongkong Cricket Club beat Army by 45 runs in the two-day cricket match which ended at Chater Road yesterday.

The scores were:

CLUB, 1ST INNINGS

Capt. Campbell, lbw Cull	19
Capt. Harding, b. Cull	18
Le. Williams, b. Cull	28
Major Wilson, lbw Cull	10
Mr. Maynard, b. Craig	10
Capt. Nicholson, not out	32
Capt. Haycraft, b. Craig	10
Cpl. Lane, lbw Craig	10
Cpl. Mackenzie, b. Taylor	10
Craig	0
Capt. Grant, b. Cull	0
Capt. Corfield, b. MacPherson	0
Craig	0
Extras	23
Total	158

Bowling:

Cull	17	3	53	0
Perry	10	1	37	0
Rowe	1	1	1	0
Craig	12	3	31	0
Arthy	4	2	12	0

CLUB, 2ND INNINGS

N. E. Arthy, b. Corfield	4
N. E. Pearce, b. Mackenzie	2
Nicholson	32
N. R. Hughes, b. Corfield	10
N. MacPherson, b. Harding	10
N. Owen-Hughes, b. Maynard	15
N. Nicholson	14
N. C. Craig, b. Mackenzie	14
Nicholson	1
A. P. Haycraft, not out	7
S. Cull, b. Nicholson	12
H. M. Newton, lbw Nicholson	1
A. E. Perry, b. Mackenzie	1
Nicholson	1
Extras	9
Total (for 9 wickets)	137

Bowling:

Corfield	0	3	39	0
Harding	0	1	38	0
Nicholson	8	2	29	0
Craig	1	1	1	0
Lane	2	1	4	0

ARMY, 2ND INNINGS

Capt. Campbell, b. Cull	50
Major Wilson, b. Corfield	13
Le. Williams, b. Cull	13
Capt. Nicholson, lbw Craig	38
Capt. Maynard, b. MacPherson	0
Craig	0
Capt. Haycraft, b. Taylor	0
Cpl. Lane, lbw Craig	10
Cpl. Mackenzie, b. Taylor	13
Capt. Grant, run out	1
Capt. Corfield, b. Owen-Hughes	16
Extras	10
Total	140

Bowling:

Cull	0	5	35	0
Perry	10	3	34	0
Craig	13	3	54	0
Owen-Hughes	12	3	54	0

KCC BEAT NAVY

At Cox's Road, KCC beat Royal Navy by 69 runs in a friendly match.

KCC

W. M. Davidson, retired	50
C. J. Smith, b. Brooker	27
C. J. Smith, b. Brooker	27
P. V. Dodge, b. Brooker	3
S. V. Gilkins, b. Morgan	3
S. V. Gilkins, b. Morgan	3
J. V. Sellers, b. Gallagher	3
Naylor	3
O. Gallagher, b. Taylor	3
O. Gallagher, b. Taylor	3
J. Lerlog, not out	3
C. P. Smith, b. Jones	3
A. E. Bell	1
O. Gallagher	1
Extras	6
Total (for 8 wickets declared)	112

Bowling:

Gallagher	7	1	35	0
Jones	4	0	15	0
Taylor	4	0	9	0
Naylor	10	1	63	0
Morgan	5	0	23	0
Harley	2	0	2	0

ROYAL NAVY

Mallows, b. Logan	23
A. E. Bird, b. Lerlog	17
Naylor, b. Sellers	10
R. Bird, b. Sellers	13
Brooker, b. C. J. Smith	14
Taylor, b. Sellers	13
Morgan, b. Davidson	10
Gallagher, b. Sellers	10
Harley, not out	0
Fyfe, b. Bell	0
Extras	9
Total	113

Bowling:

Smith	0	1	15	0
Dodge	5	1	15	0
Sellers	10	3	23	0
Davidson	9	0	8	0
Gilkins	3	2	16	0
Bell	3	0	7	0
Logan	3	1	8	0

OPTIMISTS' XI

The following will represent Optimists against the Indian Recreation Club in a First Division League cricket match on Saturday:

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

FIRST RACE MEETING

Monday, 1st January, 1951.

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Through Tickets (10 Races — \$20.00) may be obtained at the Comptroller's Office of the Club, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" scheduled to be run on 28th February, 1951.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 30th December, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:

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SETS OF MEMBERS' AND LADIES' BADGES WILL NOT BE ISSUED FOR THE 1951 RACING SEASON UNTIL 1ST APRIL, 1951. 1950 SETS ARE VALID UNTIL THEN.

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CAPPER HOLDS THE FORT TO EARN ENGLAND A REPLAY

3-3 Draw With China By "HOTSPUR"

The China-England match, played on the Club ground on Christmas Day before a huge crowd, produced a roasting game in which thrills during the whole 90 minutes kept the spectators on tenterhooks.

England played as advertised but China made several changes. In possibly one of the best games seen at the Valley this season, the English defence put up a sterling performance in which Capper, the pivot, excelled, popping up at the right time from nowhere to continually clear his lines when all seemed lost.

Barnard, Etheridge and Kirkland also defended magnificently but the two wingers were below form and Edwards, apart from scoring the opening goal, missed two sitters later which would have put England in a comfortable position. Jones gave an improved display and it was pleasing to see Tony Weller enhance his chance of further recognition.

On the Chinese side individuals were hard to find but word of praise to Chu in goal who during the final ten minutes, when England did all the attacking and eventually equalised, saved shot after shot to keep China in the tournament for a replay.

China's left wing was now proving very dangerous, making fast raids which at times had to concede a corner from which the English defence non-plussed, and from one of these advances Barnard made a superb clearance whilst on the ground Tong Sum put inches over the bar.

China won the toss and England, kicking off, made the first attack through Edwards who scored a corner which proved abortive. For the next few minutes each side made end to end raids in turn in which defences came out on top.

A clearance by Barnard saw Capper push the ball to Gardner who racing through the middle passed to Edwards who running in scored a beautiful goal in the 7th minute to place England one up.

This reverse saw the Chinese bring out their best and in the 10th minute they were on level terms through Lee Tai-fai who picking up a pass from Mok Chun-wah gave Barnard no chance.

At this period Capper was putting in sterling work and China's forwards were playing havoc with their quick passing and go ahead tactics. The game was being played at a fast pace and all the 22 players were putting in all they knew.

Off side against Mok ended a dangerous movement but after many attempts at goal had been repulsed by England's defence, Lee Tai-fai, making a splendid run down the wing, centred for Tong Wong to head into the net away from Barnard's reach to put China into the lead.

China were now playing confidently and bringing out the best of the English defence but, returning to the attack, Gardner had a great chance of equalising but missed an open goal.

From a corner Barnard saved a terrific shot by Mok which however ended in a melee from which China nearly added to their lead.

At this juncture China were doing all the pressing and England were very fortunate not to be further in arrears. Tong Sum fired over the top from a beautifully placed corner by Lee and seconds later another promising move was nullified by offside.

A grand run by winger Brown earned England a corner which, however, was cleared and China, advancing by way of Tong Wong, saw Capper come to the rescue and head away.

Just afterwards Edwards, receiving a lovely pass from Weller, fired outside with the goal at his mercy. Following, Brown also put into the side net when well placed.

England were now playing much better and with Capper moving forward when the chance came China's defence was having a gruelling time in which Hau Yung-sung and Chu in goal were repeatedly coming to the rescue.

A mole in front of the Chinese saw Edwards, Jones and Gardner miss in turn and China's goal was certainly holding a charmed life at this period. After Brown had put outside from a corner, Barnard saved a hot one from Lee.

In the 43rd minute Woods was fouled just outside the area and Edwards, picking up the pass forward, put across for Jones to equalise amid thunderous cheers from the English supporters. The interval arrived with the score two each.

Resuming, China swung offside the attack but were offside. Hands against Chu Wing-keung stopped another promising move and a corner conceded by Etheridge saw Barnard make a good save from Mok close in.

The English defence was now under great pressure and both inside forwards were occasionally falling back to assist. A breakthrough by Edwards saw Gardner's pass to Edwards, who was having an off day.

Capper missed when Tong Wong broke through but Barnard, always on the alert, saved a delicate situation. From a well placed corner by Brown, China's goal was a wonderful save to see Tong Sum go through on his own, and a

saved many shots which might have scored.

The final five minutes was all England doing, their utmost to obtain that elusive goal. Edwards and Weller both missed in turn and it did look as though the usual 90 minutes play which the English are accustomed to was telling on the Chinese who were becoming leg weary.

After several more raids by the English forwards Weller, receiving on the right wing, raced down the field and crossed to Gardner who was well placed but one of the Chinese defenders handled the ball and in the 88th minute Gardner

equalised for England to share six goals and fight another day. Hard luck, China, but a draw was a most fitting result!

THE TEAMS

The teams were:

CHINA:
Chu Chi-shing; Hau Yung-sung, Lai Wei; Tong Sum, Chow Man-oh, Tong Sheung; Lee Tai-fai, Ho Ying-fun, Tong Wong, Chu Wing-keung and Mok Chun-wah.

ENGLAND:
Barnard; Etheridge, Kirkland; Brown, Capper, Woods; Brown, Jones, Gardner, Weller and Edwards.

Referee: Mr. L. G. Young.

Portugal 7-Scotland 2 By "SPIV"

Playing more constructive football, and possessing greater speed and stamina, the Portugal XI overwhelmed the Scottish team by seven goals to two in the International Cup match yesterday.

The Scots put up a gallant resistance in the first half, more with stout hearts than brilliant football. Mullen played a great captain's game for his team, infusing some combination to an otherwise disjointed side. Time and again he sent his forwards through with some beautiful passes, only to see them nullified by weak finishing in front of the goalmouth, and brilliant goalkeeping by Portugal's Noronha.

Portugal, with a youthful forward line, had a field day in goal-scoring, beating the defence on through passes, repeatedly. The score could have reached double figures, had they not missed a few open goals.

Portugal kicked off and scored their first goal in the third minute, centre-forward Santos snapping a through pass and racing to a clear field ahead.

For the next 20 minutes, however, the Scots XI had as much of the play as Portugal, but were not able to equalise.

Castilho put his side two goals up with a grounder off a back pass from Santos, but ten minutes later, the lead was reduced to 2-1 by a spectacular goal from left-winger Steward.

Running along the touch line, Steward sent in a high centre over goalkeeper Noronha, straight into the far end of the net. Just before the interval, Castilho converted a corner kick with a header, to give Portugal a 3-1 lead.

THE TEAMS

Portugal—Noronha; R. Pires, R. Rocha; R. Rolz, B. Gosano, A. Santos; A. Xavier, R. Colloco, Santos, G. Pereira, J. Castilho.

Scotland—Gray; MacDonald, Liddell; Malone, Barnes, MacDonald; Mullen, Hooper, Graham, Stewart.

Britain Topple Pakistan By 7-5 Score By "GRANDSTAND"

Playing before a large crowd of holiday fans, Great Britain toppled Pakistan 7-5 in the first round of the Softball International Series yesterday, with the victors raining a shower of baseballs over the previous title-holders with solid emphasis, while moundsman Jock Brown registered a superb performance of allowing the opposition a few scattered bingles.

In the other elimination game, Philippine Islands were deadlocked with China at the end of the sixth inning and almost created a sensational upset, but finally succumbed 9-7 in the final frame when a thrown ball struck a baserunner in a run-down play between third and home for the winning run to cross the plate.

The Semi-finals of the Series will be played off during the Chinese New Year holidays when China will meet Great Britain and Portugal tangle with the United States.

GREAT BRITAIN 7-PAKISTAN 5
Pakistan threatened in the initial canto when Benny Omar singled and was advanced to second on Oly Omar's slashing grounder, but Lefty Baker failed to convert the advantage into a score as he only managed a pop fly which was gathered by Stan Leonard.

In the Great Britain half Erikson started the ball rolling when he connected for a single over shortstop and promptly pilfered second to score on Willie Sprinkle's timely two-bagger to deep right.

The Pakistan boys soon grabbed the lead when Lefty Dill of the Junior League Rexas collected a life on an inside fumble. A dropped third strike placed another runner on base and two sacrifices followed a large and two decorating the scoreboard accompanied by vociferous expressions of delight from the Pakistan fans.

The lead was short-lived as Great Britain scored the equaliser when Gerry Langenberg beat out a slow roller to second baseman Junior Marker and romped home on Igmar Erikson's second safe hit of the game.

Even at this early stage, fans were settling down to a nip and tuck affair as Pakistan squeezed Benny Omar across for the tie-breaker after a freak single to right field which was stretched to a two-base blow, but the pendulum swung the other way again as Great Britain unloaded the lumber for two more runs in the bottom of the third inning.

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by Beachcomber

I WAS deeply interested in the account of a psychologist who uses arrangements of matchsticks to find a clue to a patient's mental state. The best test is that known as the Streets of Tiflis.

whole thing is about, and would serve as a reminder that, if I may put it colloquially, there are more ways of killing a cat than by drowning it in a reservoir. What we have got to do is to see that it all works smoothly, and the only way to make sure of that is to get things done.

Economy

In order to cut down expenses, Sol Hogwash is sending a film unit to Nicaragua instead of to the Solomon Islands, to get outdoor scenes for the film about Gladstone.

The streets of Tiflis by day

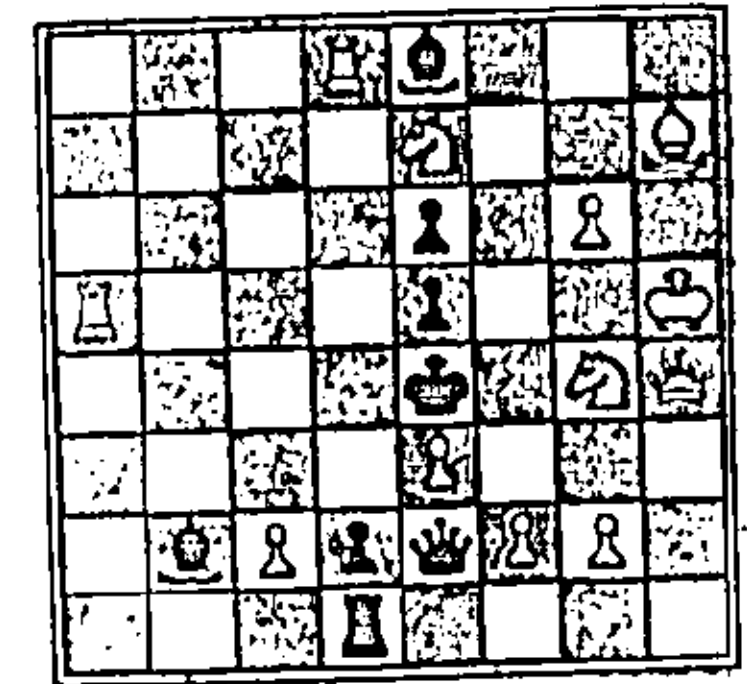
The streets of Tiflis by night

If the patient laughs all is well. If not, call in a second opinion.

Lots-road and the Festival

 THE floodlighting of Lots-road Power Station, in order to make Chelsea like fairyland, is being discussed. Admiral Sir Ewart Hodgson, who is in charge at Lots-road, suggests that his flagship, the *Saucy Mrs. Flobster*, should be moored to the power house, so that visitors could be shown over both. "It would give them," said the Admiral, "some idea of what the

CHESS PROBLEM

 By A. ELLERMAN
 Black, 3 pieces.


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White to play and make in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. Q-B2, 1... Kt-B5, RXP; 2. Q-B8 (ch); 1... R-R6; 2. Kt-K3 (ch); 1... R-Kt6; 2. RXR; 1... KKKK; 2. R-K3 (ch); 1... others; 2. R-B3 (ch).

Check Your Knowledge

1. Name the patron saint of Scotland.
2. Distinguish between the port and starboard of a ship.
3. What name is given to a triangle having two equal sides.
4. What is the meaning of Anzac, the name given to Australian forces during World War I?
5. Name the fastest sport.
6. Where are the world's largest tin fields?

(Answers on Page 12)

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

 Bold Bad Bidding
 Calls Bill's Partner

By OSWALD JACOBY

"F the hearts have split four and four we would have had game and rubber," said Bill, the bold bad bidder.

"Yes, and if your head hadn't split right where the brains ought to be, we would have had game and rubber anyway," retorted his partner.

"You mean we should have played the hand in diamonds," said Bill. "Gosh, with my weak opening bid I hated to think of trying for 11 tricks. Furthermore, I had both your aces. It looked as if you might have something in hearts."

"If only you would just bid your cards and let me bid mine," said his partner. "All you had to do was to bid three diamonds over my three clubs. As it was, I would simply have bid five diamonds and made it as any fool can plainly see."

"You could have bid over my three no-trump," said Bill.

"Playing with an idiot, I should have," said the partner.

You have a capacity for accepting confidences and keeping them inviolate. Fond of children, you are highly sympathetic to their demands. But as a parent you should learn to be a little more disciplinary than you are—for the good of your progeny.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow. Select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If you have borrowed, make returns today. Control your speech when angry or later you will regret it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—You may have problems. Face them squarely and you will find a solution. Then act upon it.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Admit that times are changing! You can make decisions which will be advantageous.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—If you are alert, an unexpected promotion or opportunity for a new job may come your way. Seize it.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Don't try to give advice unless you are asked for it. If you are; then make constructive suggestions.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—A social event can bring considerable pleasure. Loyalty and honesty in friendship is important.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—You may have some work which needs finishing before you plan social events. Do it carefully.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Don't be difficult at home. Be polite and tactful even if you differ with other family members.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Someone you love may need your aid. Give freely and it will bring mutual happiness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Don't ask favours unless you can reciprocate. Don't make promises you can't keep either.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—External conditions may not be factual. Investigate a situation before accepting it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Check up carefully on that new job offer. Finish up some work that needs doing first, too.

Of course Bill was completely wrong on this hand. His opening bid was weak, but normal enough. When his partner responded with two diamonds Bill showed this by merely rebidding to two spades. Actually, some players would have raised to three diamonds then and there but the spade rebid is undoubtedly correct.

Then, when the partner bid three clubs Bill should have had no problem. All he had to do was to bid three diamonds. With the hand he actually held his partner would simply have bid five diamonds and would have made the contract without any trouble.

If his partner had a weakish two suiter he would have passed and made a nice partial score while if his partner held a heart stopper he could have contracted for three no-trump himself.

There was nothing to the play at no-trump. West opened the five of hearts. East held the first trick with the queen and played the king which also won. West won the third heart lead and cashed his two remaining hearts to set the contract.

However, I like to trust my partners. After all, you might have been bidding correctly, in which case my bid was to pass.

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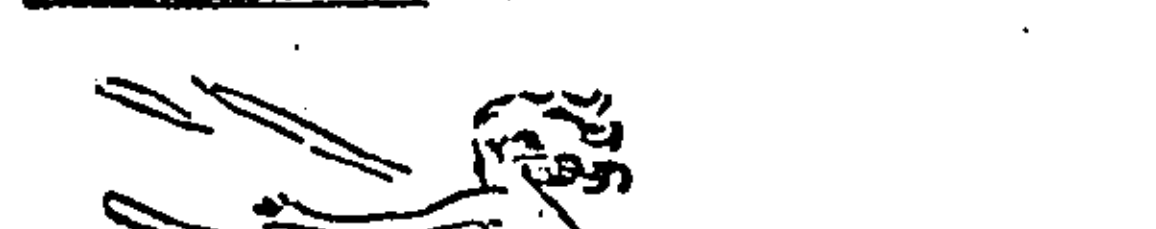
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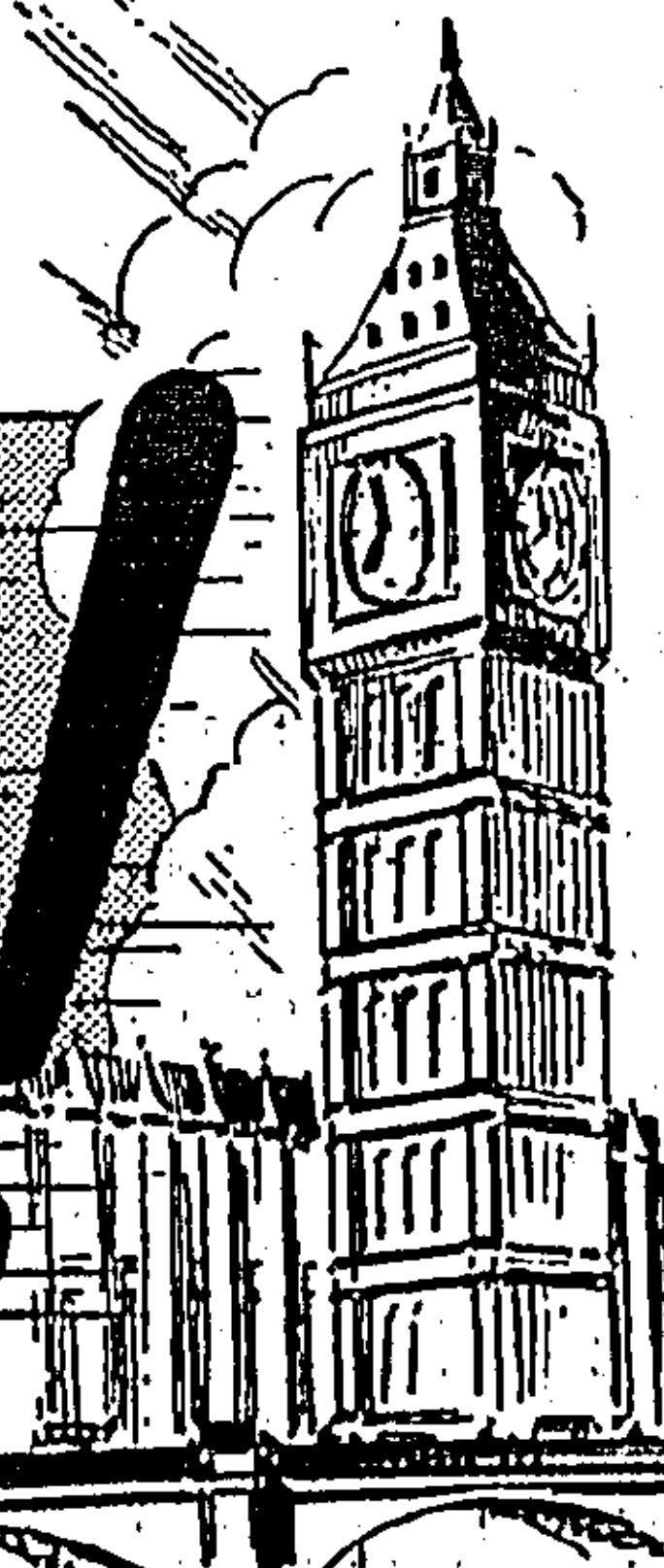
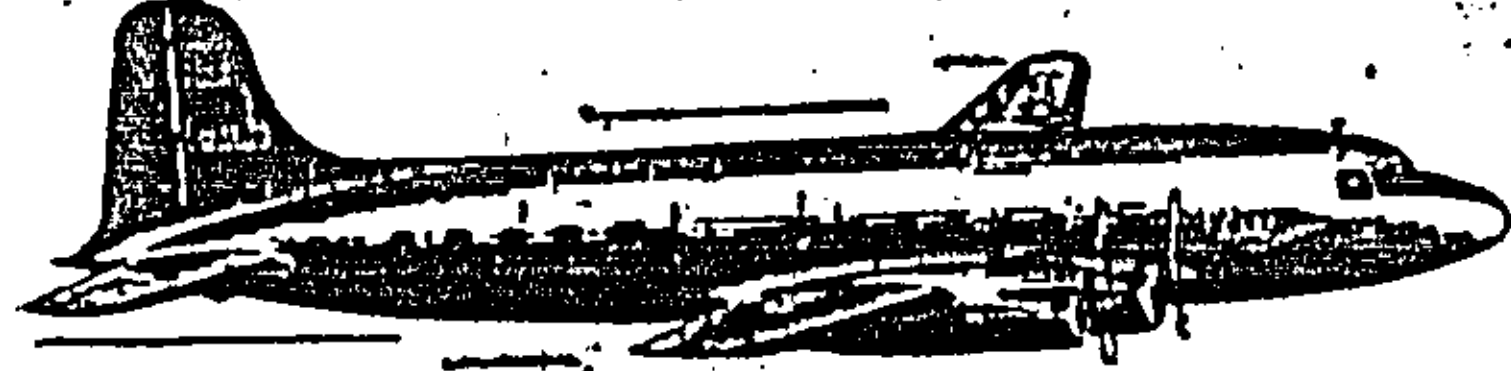
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BRITAIN LOOKS BACK TO EXCELLENT YEAR

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Dec. 22.

Britain has every reason to look back on her economic progress of the past year with satisfaction. The "dollar gap" had been closed, a large trading surplus with other members of the European Payments Union has been built up and our industrial recovery has made us independent of American Marshall Aid.

American Outlays On Equipment

United States business is planning to spend more on new factories, machinery, and other equipment next year than ever before, according to the preliminary survey made by the Commerce Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

This expenditure is expected to outstrip the previous peak reached in the second half of 1948, when it amounted to nearly \$20,500m, a year, or 8 per cent of the national income. At this moment there must be more than ordinary significance in the customary reservation of these surveys—plans for the year ahead—whole materials that are already being felt, not to mention the possibility of further restriction of expenditures for civilian needs, must be expected to influence the pattern, if not the amount, of business expenditures to an increasing extent as military requirements are stepped up in 1951.

From the peak figure of \$10,240m. in the second half of 1948, the capital outlays of United States business dropped by stages to \$8,100m. in the first half of this year. Estimates at the beginning of this year were that outlays for 1950 as a whole might just top \$10,000m. These estimates were progressively revised, especially after Korea, but even three months ago the probable figure for the year was put, on the returns available, at under \$10,000m.

NEAR PEAK

The expenditures for the last half of 1950 are now expected to amount to \$10,100m. or within \$100m. of the peak level during the second half of 1948, which would give a total for 1950 of \$18,200m., against \$18,150m. in 1949 and \$19,230m. in 1948; the probable figure for the first quarter of next year is put at \$4,800m. which would represent an increase of 30 per cent over the first quarter of 1950.

The Department of Commerce and the Securities and Exchange Commission concede that higher costs must have played a part in swelling the planned expenditures—the increase in costs must have been important since 1948—but they suggest that the figures reflect also a "sizeable" increase in the physical amount of plant and equipment. They do not try to estimate how much of the increase has been for stepping up military rather than civil production; they do record that the figures point to an overwhelming response by the business community to call for expansion of output so that mounting military requirements can be met without cutting civilian supplies to the bone. The overriding question now, in view of the revision of defence expenditures, is whether military requirements can really be met without cutting civilian supplies significantly.

Metal Supplies

The view that widespread redundancy of labour and a serious decline in production in all metal industries may result from a shortage of non-ferrous metals is expressed in a statement issued in Birmingham by the British Non-Ferrous Metals Federation.

Criticising the policy of bulk purchasing, the Federation states that the Minister of Supply has not at any time called for the advice of metal consumers in carrying out his bulk purchasing policy, but it was a fact that the industry was being consulted on the crisis measures which now had to be taken.

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Side by side with these salutary trends have appeared other less welcome factors. The closing of the dollar gap was accomplished by the strictest economy in purchases from the dollar area not only by this country but by all members of the Sterling area.

Our efforts to expand exports to North America even with the stimulus of devaluation had only a partial effect on the building up of dollar reserves.

The main factor has been the high price of Sterling area raw materials which have been flowing into America at an unprecedented rate to sustain that country's expanding industrial output and to swell its strategic stockpiles.

To this extent our recovery is artificial. It is based largely on the high price of raw materials that are now in great demand for defence purposes. These conditions obviously provide no solid basis for long-term recovery. If our hopes are dashed and war spreads throughout the world, all our efforts to achieve economic recovery will have been wasted—except to the extent that we will be better able to produce arms and ammunition.

If, on the other hand, settlement is reached with the Communists, one of the main factors in our lightning recovery will automatically be removed. But even when the present tension is eased there will still presumably be huge rearmament programmes to carry out. The demand for raw materials will still be abnormally high and the Sterling area will continue to benefit.

Meanwhile our immediate object is to build up our military strength to enable us to repel any possible act of aggression. At the same time we must expand our exports by a further £300,000,000 next year to counteract the effect of devalouring terms of trade. This must be done with the least possible disturbance to the home market—and in the face of crippling shortages of raw materials.

How this is to be done is the problem of the moment. In this short survey it is only possible to bring out the chief factors in the present state of our economy. It will be many months—perhaps years—before the events of the past year can accurately be judged in relation to our long-term economic prospects.

EFFECT ON U.S.

Britain's recovery and to a lesser extent that of other non-dollar countries has had a startling effect on the balance of the payments position of the United States. During 1947 when the dollar was at its "hardest" America exported goods worth \$15,000,000,000. American exports are now down to an annual rate of \$10,000,000,000 due largely to economy practised by importing countries and partly to their efforts to obtain from other sources goods which they formerly had to buy from America. At the same time the American import bill has grown to unprecedented proportions and is now running at an annual rate roughly equal to the value of her exports. But as this figure includes exports paid for by the United States Treasury under various aid programmes America has had a considerable adverse trade balance this year.

During the third quarter of 1950 Britain's exports to the United States reached \$97,000,000—an increase of 43 percent over the corresponding period last year before the pound was devalued. Imports from the United States during the same period were \$125,000,000—sixteen percent less than in the third quarter of 1949.

Despite this adverse balance on direct trade with the United States Britain's dollar reserves reached \$334,000,000 in the third quarter. The part played by overseas sterling area countries in building up reserves can be judged from the fact that exports of rubber, tin, wool, cocoa and other products from Malaya, Australia, Ceylon and West Africa at \$310,000,000 in the third quarter were more than double the figure for the same period of 1949. Forward covering of sterling requirements by traders which accompanied the revaluation rumours also helped to swell the dollar pool.

PHENOMENAL GROWTH

The growth in gold and dollar reserves of non-dollar countries, despite the slowing down of Marshall Aid to Europe, is policy," says the National City Bank of New York as "phenomenal."

The change dates back to devaluation of most currencies in relation to dollars. At that time United States gold reserve at \$24.5 billion was at its zenith. Since then, according to the National City Bank, non-dollar countries have probably added \$700,000,000 to their dollar reserves, from the new dollar

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S.S. "ESANG"	Japan		3rd Jan.
S.S. "OHUNGSANG"	Tientsin		14th Jan.

ARRIVALS FROM

S.S. "TAKSANG"	Tientsin		29th Jan.
S.S. "WINGSANG"	Keelung		30th Dec.
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S.S. "BALUCHISTAN"	Fremantle, Hobart, Adelaide		13th Jan.
S.S. "HINDUSTAN"	Manila and Lao (both subject to Inducement) then to Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne & Hobart		20th Jan.
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

Closing Times By Air

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia & New Zealand, 5.30 a.m.

Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy & N. W. Europe, 5 p.m.

Indo-China, 5 p.m.

Formosa & U.S.A., 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

B. N. Borneo, 2 a.m.

Malaya, Ceylon, Madagascari, Australia, East & Great Britain, U.S.A., 10 a.m.; Reg. 11 a.m.; Or. 12 a.m.

U.S.A., Canada, Central, & South America, 1 p.m.

Formosa, 2 p.m.

Canada (Parcela only), 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

Closing Times By Air

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia & New Zealand, 5.30 a.m.

Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy & N. W. Europe, 5 p.m.

Indo-China, 5 p.m.

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Closing Times By Sea

B. N. Borneo, 2 a.m.

Malaya, Ceylon, Madagascari, Australia, East & Great Britain, U.S.A., 10 a.m.; Reg. 11 a.m.; Or. 12 a.m.

U.S.A., Canada, Central, & South America, 1 p.m.

Formosa, 2 p.m.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

Closing Times By Air

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia & New Zealand, 5.30 a.m.

Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy & N. W. Europe, 5 p.m.

Indo-China, 5 p.m.

Formosa & U.S.A., 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

B. N. Borneo, 2 a.m.

Malaya, Ceylon, Madagascari, Australia, East & Great Britain, U.S.A., 10 a.m.; Reg. 11 a.m.; Or. 12 a.m.

U.S.A., Canada, Central, & South America, 1 p.m.

Formosa, 2 p.m.

Canada (Parcela only), 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

Closing Times By Air

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia & New Zealand, 5.30 a.m.

Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy & N. W. Europe, 5 p.m.

Indo-China, 5 p.m.

Formosa & U.S.A., 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

B. N. Borneo, 2 a.m.

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Formosa, 2 p.m.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 1951

Closing Times By Air

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Formosa & U.S.A., 5 p.m.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 1951

Closing Times By Air

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia & New Zealand, 5.30 a.m.

Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy & N. W. Europe, 5 p.m.

Indo-China, 5 p.m.

Formosa & U.S.A., 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

B. N. Borneo, 2 a.m.

Malaya, Ceylon, Madagascari, Australia, East & Great Britain, U.S.A., 10 a.m.; Reg. 11 a.m.; Or. 12 a.m.

U.S.A., Canada, Central, & South America, 1 p.m.

Formosa, 2 p.m.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1951

Closing Times By Air

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia & New Zealand, 5.30 a.m.

Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy & N. W. Europe, 5 p.m.

Looking For The Title

Melbourne, Dec. 26.
 The Victorian light-weight boxer, Frank Flannery, who has been in the ring five times in the last eight weeks, beating the Mexican, Ernesto Aguilar, at his last fight, has decided to challenge the aboriginal, Jack Hasen, for the Australian Lightweight Boxing Championship.
 He will seek a bout with Hasen soon after he returns from a holiday in Tasmania.
 Hasen took the title from Archie Kemp in 1949 and has not fought since last September.—Reuter.

Taikoo Club Party

Members of the Taikoo Club gave a Children's Christmas Party at the Club's Hall on Christmas Day and judging by the packed crowd and the harmonious and hilarious atmosphere pervading the beautifully decorated hall, the party was most successful.
 Immense interest was shown by the children who participated in the various games which were well organised by the Club Committee under the direction of Mr J. G. B. Dewar, the chairman, and Mr Kinniburgh, the secretary.
 The party enjoyed an impromptu short play depicting the scenes in the classroom attended by a class of naughty students. The act was well performed by members of the Club Committee, including Messrs Heaton, Dewar Jr., Baxter, Billmore, Mrs Dewar Jr., Mrs Kinniburgh and Mrs Cassels.
 Christmas presents were given to the children by Santa Claus, (Mr A. Stoven) before the party concluded.

BOXING DAY WEDDING

Off for a honeymoon in Japan on the Rhuys which sailed on Boxing Day were Mr and Mrs Archibald Zimmern who were married in a quiet ceremony at St John's Cathedral the same day.
 The Rev. George She officiated at the wedding.
 The bride was formerly Miss Cleely Winifred Kotewall daughter of the late Sir Robert Kotewall while the bridegroom, son of Mr Zimmern and the late Mr Adolph Zimmern, is a well-known sportsman.

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ARSENAL FAIL TO GAIN A POINT OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Home Football Results

London, Dec. 26.
 Only one team, Sunderland, came through the gruelling English Football League Christmas programme with maximum points.

With most clubs having to play three matches in four days on hard grounds, fortunes in many cases were turned inside out, and injuries to players taking part in these games were common.

Sunderland, fourth from the bottom in the First Division before the holiday fixtures, beat Liverpool at home and then outshone the Manchester United team in home and away matches. In sharp contrast, Arsenal, the Football Association Cup leaders, failed to gain a point over the holidays—severe blow to their Championship prospects.

Arsenal were hit by injuries. They were without five regular First team men today against Stoke. City, who secured the only goal of the match two minutes after the start.

Arsenal's line was led by a former amateur, Holton, making his debut for the famous London club. Tottenham Hotspur, brought in a young reserve inside-forward, McClellan, against Derby today.

He scored both his side's goals, one in each half—which brought their total holiday points to five and carried them into second place. Tottenham, with 34 points, are now one point behind Middlesbrough, whose match against Newcastle was postponed owing to the frozen ground.

Wolverhampton Wanderers, Arsenal and Newcastle are next in the list, all with 31 points. Though gaining only three points from the Christmas games, Coventry went to the top of the Second Division, but only due to their fractionally better goal average than Preston North End and Manchester City.

All have 30 points. **NOTES F. ON TOP**
 But the position is far from clear. Only four points separate the leading 10 clubs in this Division.

Nottingham Forest lead Division III, South, by two points from Norwich, who preserved their unbeaten run started on August 26 by equalling Brighton. Rehearsal regained the lead in Division III, Northern's promotion race.

Gateshead, who were in front on Saturday, crashed badly both home and away to lowly Hartlepool, and are now only fourth.

Arsenal were not the only team to have a dismal Christmas. Five clubs failed to gain a point—Manchester United, Newcastle United, Huddersfield, the First Division and Leyton Orient and Accrington Stanley in the Third Divisions.

Frost and cold failed to keep spectators away today and attendances returned to the million mark. The following were the results of the Boxing Day football matches:

FIRST DIVISION	
Aston Villa	0
B. Warr.	0
Burnley	1
Chelsea	1
Liverpool	1
Manchester U.	0
Newcastle U.	0
Sheffield U.	3
Stoke City	1
Spurs	2
Wolves	3
SECOND DIVISION	
Barnsley	0
Birmingham	1
Brentford	0
Coventry C.	2
Hull	1
Leeds	0
Leicester	0
Luton	3
Notts C.	1
Preston N.E.	1
Queens P. R.	0
THIRD DIVISION	
Arsenal	0
Blackpool	0
Charlton	2
Derby C.	1
Everton	0
Fulham	0
Huddersfield	0
Middlesbrough	0
Nottingham	0
Preston	0
Sheff. Wed.	0
Stoke	0
Tottenham	0
Wolverhampton	0
Wrexham	0
York City	0

AT HOME

The Rev J. H. Ogilvie, Vicar of St Andrew's Church, was at home to members of the Forces at the Village on Christmas night. Various items of entertainment included carol singing. Refreshments were served.

There were also carol services at the Nine Dragons Service Club and the European Y.M.C.A. which were much enjoyed.

The Court did not sit at Kowloon on Christmas Day but the Magistrate, Mr Winter, accompanied by the Prosecuting Inspectors, were at the Police Station to formally receive the prisoners.

Dalai Lama Reported To Have Fled Capital

New Delhi, Dec. 26.
 Unconfirmed reports from Kalimpong said that on Monday night the Dalai Lama, Tibet's 14-year-old spiritual and temporal leader, has fled his capital of Lhasa, en route to India. The reports said he was fearful that the Chinese Communists operating from Sikkim across Western Tibet might later cut off the escape route.
 Sources in the Government here said they had received no information on the reported flight either from their representatives in Lhasa or Peking, the Communist capital. The reports said that the Dalai Lama and his party were between Chasul and Pede on December 21. Pede is 50 miles from Lhasa on the main caravan route to India.—Associated Press.

Etna Still Erupting

Catania, Sicily, Dec. 26.
 Mount Etna was still hurling rock and ashes into the air with an occasional roar today but the destructive lava flow had nearly stopped.
 Up to December 20 the burning sulphurous streams had buried 550 acres, including 160 acres of vineyards at the village of Milo, according to first figures on the damage that the eruption has caused.

Today, Europe's biggest active volcano appeared to have spent most of the force of its present outbreak. The situation on its eastern slopes has been virtually unchanged for the past six days.

The villages of Milo and Rinazzo were safe today after having been given up for lost during the eruption's first phase. The lava halted at the village's doorstep after swallowing more outlying houses.—Reuter.

Spectacular Oil Blaze

New Orleans, Dec. 25.
 A spectacular blaze on board the tanker Ezzo Baltimore, which for a time threatened the port of New Orleans, was brought under control today after a five-hour battle.

The fire broke out last night after the 10,800-ton tanker and a tow of oil barges were in collision in the Mississippi River. An explosion set back the flames. Two seamen were injured when they jumped into the water to escape the flames.—Reuter.

Spanish Exiles' Appeal

London, Dec. 25.
 Spanish exiles in Britain today sent a telegram to President Truman, asking him to "stop fostering a close alliance with the war criminal Franco" in order to avoid "further discrediting the democratic cause."

The telegram from the Co-ordinating Committee of the Spanish Democratic Parties in Britain was sent to the US Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson.—Reuter.

Falling Off Bus Is His Job

Falling off a moving bus is the job of 45-year-old Albert Fisher, of Chiswick. He is a driving instructor and the star of an accident demonstration show which is touring London Transport's garages and depots.

He wears padded clothes, horn-rimmed glasses, false moustache, and carries a cane and walking-stick. His act is staged before drivers and conductors with dummy traffic lights. Object is to show accidents can happen, and how they can be avoided.

POOR CHILDREN ENTERTAINED

Several hundred poor children were treated to a Christmas dinner at St Mary's School, Chasheen Road, on Boxing Day. The teenagers were served by the students of the school and members of the Catholic Association, who organised the party. Handmade gifts were distributed to the guests at the end of the party.

YM Entertains

Some 300 servicemen from various units were guests at a dinner party given by the Y.M.C.A. to celebrate Christmas on Boxing Day. The lounge at the Association was suitably decorated for the occasion.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCHES

Big Congregations

The heavy programme of festivities, sports and other amusements provided by various clubs and organisations over the Christmas holidays did not prevent thousands from attending the numerous services in the churches of different denominations throughout the Colony on Christmas Day.

At St John's Cathedral, a large and distinguished congregation heard Bishop R.O. Hall make a strong plea for penitence on the part of the people and empty pews alike, and for a better understanding among all three. Christian democracy today, he said, was threatened more seriously from within than from without. The threat to Christian democracy from within was illustrated by the gulf which exists today between the pulpit and the pew.

The narrow standing in the pulpit Sunday by Sunday, knew the majority of those who came regularly to church did not in fact see God and understand Him as the clergy did.

"If we in the pulpit are right about the meaning of Christmas; that is, if we are right about the most and most meaningful of things, if we in the pulpit are right, and you in the pew are wrong, this surely is most serious," said the Bishop.

"For all action in the world is in your hands, not in ours. If you men and women of action do not know God, in fact He is, then the total result of your actions must lead not to peace and progress in history but to increasing confusion and decay."

GOLDEN THREAD

The Bishop said the new saw Jesus and the Christian religion as a golden thread to lead men and women through the maze of life. The empty pew, he went on, considered that the Christian religion could not be a golden thread because a thread to be golden must be universal. To the empty pew, the story of Bethlehem, and Easter Day, and the frail beauty of the Sermon on the Mount, were very lovely, but in fact useless against the stark realities of power and empire.

It was his belief, the Bishop declared, that two centuries of increasing prosperity and comfort had led to shallow living and shallow thinking and was the main reason for the gulf between the pulpit and the pew today.

At the evening service, Festal Evenson was held when Carols were sung. Thousands of Roman Catholics attended services at various churches on the Island and Mainland, and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception was packed at the Solemn High Mass. Similarly filled were the other churches, although many of the congregation had already attended Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

An inter-denominational service was held at the English Methodist Church on Christmas morning, attended by the congregations of that Church and the Union Church (Kennedy Road), and heard an inspiring sermon preached by the Rev. G. M. Stevenson.

Rugby Union Results

London, Dec. 26.
 The following were the results of Rugby Union matches played today.

Blackheath 9 Combined Edinburgh Academicals and Wanderers 3. Abernethy 10 Curwen 0. Abernethy 10 Mountain Ash 0. Bath 11 Old Blues 0. Bridgewater and Albion 0 Clifton 6. Bristol 14 Notts 0. Cardiff 14 Wasps 13. Cheltenham 23 Old Edwardsians 0. Gloucester 11 Old Merchant Taylors 0. Headingley 42 Manchester 3. Llanelli 0 London Welsh 14. Neath 10 West Wales Rugby Union 0. Newport 9 Watlington 0. Northampton 12 Penarth 3. Pontypool 10 Cross Keys 0. Plymouth Albion 8 Newton Abbot 0. Swansea 3 Universities Athletic Union 11. Stroud 0 Crumlin 0. Torquay Athletic 3. Telfordmouth 3. Waterloo 11 Coventry 9.—Reuter.

Communist Split?

New York, Dec. 25.
 Chinese intervention in the Korean war was followed by a "wide split" in the high councils of international Communism, with Chinese and Russians vying for control of Korea," the New York Times reported from Tokyo today.

This information, the paper said, was gathered by the United Nations Mission during the brief period when the Allied forces occupied a large portion of North Korea.—Reuter.

RUGBY LEAGUE

London, Dec. 26.
 The following were the results of Rugby League matches played today.
 St. Helen's 5 Wigan 30. Warrington 11 Leigh 7. York 0 Oldham 5.
 The remaining matches were postponed owing to the state of grounds.—Reuter.

Hit Over Head With A Bottle

John Dixon Stables, 24, of 15 Field Park, Squadron, RE, Argyle Street, who was charged with common assault, was cautioned and discharged by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central on Christmas Day after he pleaded guilty to the charge.

However, defendant was ordered to pay \$50 as compensation to Li Cheuk, the complainant, who was assaulted by defendant on Christmas Eve, near the main gate of the Royal Naval Dockyard.

Appearing before the Magistrate on Monday, the complainant had two cut wounds on his face, one on the right eyebrow and the other just above the right upper lip.

Defendant admitted that he was under the influence of liquor and that he did not recall what he had done.

According to the prosecution, about an hour after midnight on Christmas Eve, complainant with a friend was walking outside the Naval Dockyard when suddenly he was struck for no reason, on the head by defendant with an empty wine bottle.

Charged With Conspiracy

Wong Ming-tak, 18, of Wuhu Street, ground floor, Wong Kai-ling, 27, of the same address, and Leung Kan-yick, 33, of 73 Wuhu Street, all unemployed, were remanded for three days by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central on Christmas Day when they were jointly charged with conspiracy to obtain \$5,000 by means of a forged document.

The three defendants were alleged to have conspired together to obtain money by means of a forged cheque dated December 10 and to have drawn on the China and South Sea Bank, at Duddell Street, for \$74,600.

A Boisterous Customer

Pleading guilty to a charge of common assault, Peter James Evans, 21, of REME Victoria Barrack, was cautioned and discharged by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central on Christmas Day but was ordered not to return to the cafe where he committed the offence.

According to the prosecution, shortly before midnight on Friday, defendant went into the kitchen of the Tung Yuen Cafe at 55 Des Voeux Road Central and interfered with the cooks. When Chan Si-king, manager of the cafe, tried to stop defendant he received a blow on his left eye.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.
 6.00. "Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary. Latest Cricket Scores. England v. Australia, 6.02. "For the Modern"—Presented by John Waring. (Studio). 6.30. Songs by Roda Roda, 6.40. Chan Tzei Tung and the Hawaiian Serenaders. (Studio). 7.00. News and News Analysis. (London Relay). 7.15. "Services Club"—Conducted by Peter Simon. (Studio). 7.30. "Romances", 8.00. "From the Editorials"—Variety Requests Presented by Pauline Spencer. (Studio). 8.15. "The Wireless Quiz"—by Eric Coster. 8.27. "Answer This"—(Recorded London Relay).